

Gromyko president as Gorbachov tightens his grip

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday broke the mould of Soviet politics by ending Mr Andrei Gromyko's unparalleled 28 years as Foreign Minister and engineering his elevation to the presidency...

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Washington - President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov will meet for talks in Geneva from November 19-21...

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From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Brecon

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The System stores - like their quaintly-named equivalent in Finland - are designed to discourage people from drinking. There are long queues and poor service and they are not allowed to advertise their wares. Window displays feature "alternative" alcohol-free wines. The ferries have a promotional influence. New restrictions are necessary. When they are fighting to cut back alcohol consumption on land, it is also fully to permit the sort of drinking that is common on these boats...

Christopher Nisey



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Portfolio

There were no winners in yesterday's Times Portfolio competition prize. Therefore, the £2,000 prize is carried forward making a total of £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio List, page 24. How to play, information service, back page. On Saturday, £22,000 can be won - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

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Police are now satisfied after investigations in the past week that the Provisional IRA have not succeeded in planting delayed action bombs in 12 seaside hotels. Scotland Yard announced yesterday...

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Rail shuttle link across Channel proposed

A £2,000 million twin-bore rail tunnel between Britain and France could be operating within seven years, a consortium of British and French companies said yesterday. The six United Kingdom partners of the Channel Tunnel Group, which has just formed links with a French group of three banks and five construction companies, will submit their plan to the French and British governments by October 31.

Their main rival is the £5,000 million Eurotunnel scheme, which is also an Anglo-French partnership. It includes Trafalgar House and British Steel and proposes a road and rail link, with the construction of two man-made islands in mid-Channel. Both governments have specified that the project must be privately financed. A decision will be made by the end of the year.

Bus plan rejected

A plan to allow local authorities to pull all bus services outside London out to tender, as recommended by the Commons transport select committee, was rejected out of hand by the Government yesterday (Our Lobby Reporter writes).

Syria diplomat withdrawn

The dispute between Britain and Syria over a diplomat who refused to leave his rented flat was officially ended yesterday. The Syrians said the diplomat, Mr Ahmed Rajab, who had used his diplomatic immunity to defy a court order to move out of his £85,000 flat, would leave Britain within the next few days ahead of the expulsion deadline set by the Foreign Office.

Technology aid for small firms

Small companies are expected to be the main users of a new technology centre launched in Macclesfield, Cheshire, yesterday. The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centre (AM-TEC) is to have more than 300 technical professionals with important computer and laboratory facilities from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), and University of Salford.

Correction

We are asked to point out that the remarks in Monday's paper about Mrs Margaret Thatcher's mood attributed to her spokesman, Mr Bernard Ingham, were not representative of his own views, but a light-hearted speculative reference to possible newspaper assessment.

Miners to recall conference if resisted over dismissed men

From Donald McIntyre, Labour Editor, Sheffield

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday decided to recall its conference in three months' time to consider further pressure on the Government and the National Coal Board if it has not succeeded in securing reinstatement for most of the 622 men dismissed during the year-long strike. After easily the longest and most emotional debate of the conference, the union approved overwhelmingly a motion from the militant Kent coalfield seeking the recall to consider further action "if any victimized member not in jail has not been reinstated by the NCB by the last day of September 1985".

Mr Henry Richardson, the deposed left-wing Nottinghamshire area secretary, walked out of the conference in disgust after his fellow delegates from the area decided to oppose the resolution in spite of a powerful appeal by Mr Peter Heathfield, the national secretary, for unity behind the call. The resolution was supported by the national executive after assurances were given by the Kent area that it was not calling for a strike at the October conference but would leave it up to delegates to decide how to step up their campaign. The Nottinghamshire delegates failed to secure a specific assurance that the resolution did not apply to all dismissed miners, irrespective of offences.

Tensions between the majority of Nottinghamshire delegates and their pro-strike president, Mr Ray Cadburn, erupted on to the conference floor when Mr John Alsop, one of the delegation, accused him of misleading them by suggesting that the Kent miners would be asked to withdraw or remit their resolution.

Mr Chadburn strode angrily to the rostrum to deny the charge, saying that he had simply said that the NUM's leaders would meet the Kent miners to "clarify" the resolution. "I challenge any one of you to say I am lying", Mr Chadburn shouted from the rostrum.

Mr Jack Taylor, the Yorkshire area president, said that some miners found guilty in the courts were back at work while others acquitted or not even charged had remained dismissed. Mr Heathfield told delegates that throughout negotiations in the dispute the union had made it clear that an amnesty for those dismissed during the strike was a top priority. He said: "I would say to our comrades in the National Union of Journalists, who have highlighted the exceptional cases of vandalism and violence and completely distorted what was happening in the coalfields, that there have been very few interviews with those who have been sacked by the NCB and have been guilty of no offence at all."

"If there is a common bond between all these people dismissed and all those in prison it is that they are dyed in the wool, 100 per cent supporters of the NUM. That is their crime." Mr Heathfield said that Mr John Gorst, the one Conservative MP to vote with Labour on the Commons Employment Select Committee, which called for a review of the dismissals, had accepted the union's argument that there had been discrimination.

Deadlock over pay stops Guardian

By Our Labour Correspondent

The Guardian was not printed in London last night for the second successive day. NGA negotiators had submitted a package of claims, estimated by management to be worth between 13 and 14 per cent.

Printing staff in Manchester, where 180,000 of the newspaper's normal 540,000 print run is produced, are not affected by the dispute and management was seeking the agreement of other unions in London to carry out the normal facsimile transmissions of pages to Manchester. The management said the 39 NGA members were deemed to have dismissed themselves when they refused to guarantee that they would work normally.

Thatcher talks on EEC unity

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister, three days after her high words which ended the EEC summit in Milan, yesterday emphasized in the Commons the areas of common ground. She said that in reality there was not as much difference between the heads of government as might appear. Mrs Margaret Thatcher made it plain that Britain will be represented at the inter-governmental conference which, in spite of British, Danish and Greek objections, will be held in the autumn to consider changes to the Treaty of Rome.

MPs on both sides advised her that participation would be in Britain's interest. But when asked by the Labour benches if she would attend, she closed the option which until then had been left just ajar. She answered: "No. It is not a conference of heads of government."

It is on general affairs which are normally for foreign ministers. The Prime Minister began her report by saying that a number of important decisions had been made in Milan. The summit decided that in making progress towards a single internal market for goods and services by 1992, priority should be given to removing physical barriers to the movement of goods, free markets in financial services and transport; liberation of capital movements; and full freedom of establishment for the professions. These were Britain's own priorities. By contrast, a majority preferred to postpone action on procedure to improve decision-making.

The most interesting comment on the Prime Minister's adventures in Milan was made not in the Commons but on BBC radio by her predecessor, Mr Edward Heath. In the past he has shown little sympathy for Mrs Thatcher in her frequent moments of isolation among Community partners. Yesterday he said her reform proposals were very good and worthwhile, and he could quite understand her frustration. But in extension of the other heads of government Mr Heath also said that there was "immense suspicion of us" in Europe because of the past five years of haggling over the British contribution to the budget.



An F2 Tornado aircraft yesterday at the Royal Air Force station at Coningsby in Lincolnshire, which will have about 16 of the aircraft by the end of the year. The £17 million, air defence fighters will be the first of 165 F2 Tornados which are to become the backbone of Britain's air defences (Our Defence Correspondent writes). About 22,000 trees will be planted to screen from aerial observation new, specially strengthened aircraft shelters, designed to withstand the impact of a 1,000lb bomb, for the Tornados and other aircraft.

BR must decide productivity stance

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

British Rail directors meet tomorrow to decide on a series of critical issues which could decide whether there is to be a confrontation with the unions over the introduction of new productivity measures this summer.

The board meeting is also expected to decide whether to press ahead with the £200,000 claim for damages against the National Union of Railwaymen and the train drivers' union ASLEF. A decision to drop the action would be a signal that the board has wrung concessions from the unions on the productivity front.

British Rail has said that it will introduce, without union agreement, further trials on running three freight train services without guards. It has given warning to the unions that it will not hesitate to seek a High Court injunction if the trials, or the other changes in working practices, produce a hostile response.

The board will also be given the final report and accounts for the past 15 months, which will show that British Rail has made a loss approaching £400 million, compared with the £250 million expected. A substantial part of the losses - about £270 million - are attributed to the effects of the miners' strike.

Union leaders are hopeful that British Rail will drop the £200,000 damages claim, arising out of a one-day strike in South Yorkshire and the east Midlands last January, which was called, without a ballot, over alleged victimization of railway workers who were taking action in support of the miners.

British Rail has accused the NUR of misleading its members in claiming that the productivity issues have not been taken through the industry's negotiating machinery. Mr Sidney Hoggart, director of employee relations, says in the latest issue of Railnews: "Records of many meetings held show that the board has behaved with integrity throughout."

He argues that there is no need for the freight experiments or the introduction of driver-only trains on commuter routes from Hertfordshire and Cambridge to London, to be referred to Lord McCarthy's arbitration tribunal because the tribunal gave rulings on the issues during the rail strikes in 1983.

The management is seeking to run trains without guards on services between King's Cross and Hitchin and Royston, and in the Strathclyde region, and also to reach a final deal on one-man operation of trains on the St Pancras-to-Bedford commuter service.

Another flashpoint could also come in a few weeks' time when British Rail tries to run trials of a new Railbus in the Derby area.

Strict police security for remands

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A Glasgow man charged with possession of more than 135lbs of explosives and a couple facing bombing and terrorism charges were yesterday remanded in custody amid strict security precautions at a London court.

The three were brought down from Glasgow on Monday by Scotland Yard officers and yesterday were taken before Sir Bryan Roberts at Lambeth magistrates court accompanied by armed officers. The building was monitored by police dogs, a cordon of officers and members of the Yard's D11 specialist firearms branch.

Mr John Gerald Boyle, aged 36, from Glasgow, is accused of possessing 135 lbs of explosives with intent to endanger life. Sean McEneaney, aged 36, from the Republic, is charged with conspiracy to cause explosions in the West Midlands next year. He wife Eileen Margaret, aged 29, is accused of withholding information from police in relation to terrorist offences in Ireland.

Five people facing a bomb plot charge have been sent for trial after two days of tight security during committal proceedings at Liverpool Magistrates court. Journalists and members of the public were frisked twice and searched.

Yesterday Mr Michael Mansfield a barrister made submissions on behalf of one of the defendants, Dr Maire O'Shea the stipendiary magistrate, Mr Norman Wootton decided there was a case to answer. Dr O'Shea, a retired consultant psychiatrist, was granted conditional bail.

The four others accused were remanded in custody. They are Peter Lynch, aged 46, of Balham Heath, Surrey; William Crines, aged 43, of 20, Dumbell Road, London; Stephen J. Healdy, aged 31, of 10, Herby Walk, Bristol. Crines is also accused of possessing an explosive substance in the West Midlands in 1984.

Strathclyde police yesterday were holding one woman under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Another three were held by Lancashire police and one in Greater Manchester.

500 seek tea job

Solicitors in Dudley, near Birmingham, have received more than 500 applications for a job as "office dogsbody and tea maker", many from people with "A" levels.

Call of history

Some traditional red telephone boxes due to be replaced by US-style booths are to be listed as historic buildings by the Department of the Environment.

Solicitors tackled on complaints conflict

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society meets today for its annual meeting in the knowledge that the management consultants Coopers & Lybrand are to recommend that complaint about solicitors and discipline should be administered separately to counter growing public concern.

Their unpublished report says: "We believe that the conflict of role, whether real or apparent, is becoming increasingly less acceptable to the public. It is therefore likely to attract increasing criticism from outside and from within the profession - something which it will be essential for the society and the profession to avoid."

"We believe that the Law Society and the solicitors' profession must now take a lead in a way which demonstrates a clear understanding of this growing public concern. We propose that the Law Society should take the initiative in proposing the transfer of its complaints handling and discipline functions to a new independent body."

The separation of functions, the report says, would ensure public confidence in the system for handling complaints and discipline against solicitors. "Despite the range of opinions which we encountered, we believe that this approach would find widespread support within as well as outside the profession. It was supported at the meeting of the consultants with secretaries of local Law Societies, besides being put forward often in consultations. It was also similar to proposals from agencies representing or acting on behalf of consumers."

"But as far as we are aware, the majority of the public is satisfied with its dealings with solicitors. Set against the total business of solicitors, the volume of complaints and disciplinary proceedings is small."

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Livingstone told to quit Labour poll

By Ken Livingstone, Greater London Council leader

Mr Ken Livingstone, the Greater London Council leader, who last month dismissed the Labour leadership by announcing he was standing for the party treasurer, is likely to withdraw from the election for the post.

A motion calling upon him to abandon his candidacy was passed, it is understood, by 23 votes to 9 by the management committee of Great East London Party. Mr Livingstone, who was in Newcastle upon Tyne at the time of the meeting, is now expected to stand instead for the national executive committee's constituency section.

Pundits agreed over house price forecast

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Anglia Building Society's forecast that house prices will increase on average by 10 per cent this year tallies with previous predictions by other building societies, estate agents and professional bodies.

After last year's average increase of around 8 per cent, it was confidently expected that 1985 would see a continuation of the steady increase in property prices, which has been going on for two years, perhaps at a slightly higher rate because of hopes of lower interest rates.

The Anglia Building Society's analysis of this steady increase, which could lead to even higher margins next year, combines the factors of rising disposable income, soaring land prices driven by high-density development, the first council house resales and indications of a resurgence of starter home sales.

In general, the house price assessments have remained consistent. One factor that has stayed the same for many years is that house prices run ahead of wage increases, one reason why more people are house-owners now. The Halifax Building Society, Britain's largest, estimated last February, after a quarter in which prices increased by 0.7 per cent, giving an increase during the past year of 9.4 per cent, that prices would go up to 10 per cent during 1985.

The Nationwide Building Society reported last April a 3 per cent increase in the first quarter of the year, consistent with a 14 per cent annual rate, three times the estimated increase in the retail price index and twice the rise in average earnings.

The latest Halifax price index, published last month, gave an increase of 8.8 per cent over the year to last month, and with it came a forecast of around 8 per cent for 1985. The building society pointed out that this national figure contained wide regional variations, with the gap between southern and northern areas expected to continue to widen.

In its monthly survey, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, reported a stable market, with nearly 40 per cent of its agents indicating no change in prices over the previous quarter as expected at this time of the year. Half the agents reported increases of up to 2 per cent.

The other main market survey is the Financial Weekly/ISVA Housing Index published by the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers. For the first quarter of 1985 it gave a price increase of 2.3 per cent, and an annual rate of 9 per cent. Its report for the second quarter, due shortly, is expected to show a quarterly increase of around 2 per cent with a yearly increase of less than 3 per cent.

If and when mortgage interest rates come down there is likely to be a further surge. At present the building societies have enough funds to cope, with queues only rarely delaying house purchase, but a deduction in the rate could lead to extra demand. That could put societies under strain, not least because over the past few years an increasing amount of money has been borrowed for spending other than house buying.

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PROPERTIES	NEW (pre-1979)	MODERN (pre-1979)	OLDER (pre-1979)
Scotland	4.8%	1.5%	4%
N Ireland	4.3	4.1	8.3
North-west	3.6	6.9	5.2
West Midlands	3.8	4	2.3
South-west	2.9	7	2.4
North and Yorkshire	9	8.5	5
North-east Midlands	4	2.5	5
East Midlands	3.9	6.5	4.8
East Anglia	9.8	11.5	7.7
South Midlands	15	6	5
London and South-east	9.1	5.8	8.3
South	8.9	6.7	6.5
All areas	6.7	6.2	6.0

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Staff put trust in therapy

One of the most glaring anomalies about Broadmoor is that nurses wear blue-grey uniforms, indistinguishable from prison officers, and belong to the Prison Officers' Association.

Mr Jim Clarke, the senior nursing officer, explains that the nurses belong to the POA because it used to come under the Home Office, when exchanges between Broadmoor and the prison service were quite common. Broadmoor nurses have their own section, and are less likely to become embroiled in national disputes than if they belonged one of the big health service unions.

Although most train at Broadmoor, there are others such as Mr Kevin Barron, aged 34, a nursing officer, who trained in the NHS, then worked at Rampton and Park Lane special hospitals before settling at Broadmoor nine years ago. "I fell in love with the place," he says - an improbable-sounding comment, but one which reflects the remarkable esprit de corps among the staff.

Mr Barron, who takes pride in the fact that 16 nursing staff have hardly any difficulty handling 101 highly disturbed patients in his house, talks of "a peculiar form of democracy" which exists among patients and staff.

In the third and final part of a series about life inside Broadmoor, RUPERT MORRIS considers the medical and nursing staff.

Establishing a relationship of trust between nurse and patient is a vital part of what is known as "milieu therapy". Well behaved patients will gradually earn privileges.

Those who misbehave, or are perceived as being particularly unstable or disruptive, will spend some time in Norfolk House, the intensive care ward, known to cynics and dissidents as the "punishment block".

Mr Jim Clarke says nurses do not use the words "discipline" or "punishment", although they recognize the need for "control" and "sanctions". Nurses have to differentiate between patients who behave in a consciously anti-social or disruptive way, and psychotics, who do not know what they are doing.

Dr John Hamilton, Broadmoor's medical director, says: "It's not an automatic withdrawal of privileges because someone has broken a rule. The nurse will try to find out why he did what he did, then act accordingly. We have to do our best to teach patients what is acceptable behaviour."

Allegations of brutality have been rare in recent years, but a few months ago Broadmoor got a nasty shock when the inquest verdict on a patient who died after being restrained by nurses was "accidental death, aggravated by lack of care". A patient claimed it was common practice for staff to beat up anyone guilty of unruly behaviour. His complaint was investigated by the police, and could not be substantiated.

Probably more important is the ability of the POA to use its industrial muscle to block reforms. There is a reactionary rumour among Broadmoor staff suspicious of any change.

Dr Hamilton, a small, rounded man with a beard and glasses, is at 41, the youngest head of Broadmoor. He is cautious and painstaking.

The most immediate problem for Dr Hamilton and his staff has been the demands on consultants' time, at least one day a week being spent giving or preparing evidence for tribunals. Staff morale has also suffered from the fact that reports are scrutinized in great detail and second opinions constantly having to be sought.

Yet he insists that he welcomes the changes. He says the problems can be regarded as "teething troubles", and he is convinced that the new system will be "a power for good". It is still early days.

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Casinos boom as Arabs return to play for large stakes in London

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

London casinos are booming. The estimated "drop" money exchanged for chips topped £1 billion for the first time last year, according to the Gaming Board's annual report published yesterday.

Arabs are the big spenders. Americans are returning because of the strong competition throughout Britain the staple business is provided by the Chinese, inveterate gamblers.

Gaming is thought by the board to be more prevalent among the Chinese community than any other ethnic group. Some casinos would close without their business.

The board is studying attempts to attract Chinese custom to ensure that they are within the law. That is in keeping with a recommendation of the Home Affairs Select Committee which reflected a recommendation by the Royal Commission on Gambling that Chinese gaming, fan tan and pai kau should be authorized.

Fan Tan is a game of chance played with sticks and beads, and pai kau with Chinese dominoes. The house always gets a percentage from the pot in other games where a different system is used the house has a built-in edge.

Arabs are more volatile than the Chinese. The controversy over the screening of the film *Death of a Princess* on television in 1980 led many Saudis to abandon London in protest. The revolution in Iran cut off funds for its nationals and in 1983, the Kuwaiti stock exchange vibrated and punters rushed home.

It is Middle East money that makes London casinos profitable. Probably no more than 100 Arabs are big rollers. They come in for a season lasting between two weeks to three months, in which time each may change £1 million into chips. Casinos keep an average 18 per cent.

The report says that the estimated "drop" in Britain rose by £183 million to £1,482 million, an increase of 14 per cent on 1983. The "drop" in London rose from £968 million to £1,130 million, a rise of 16.7 per cent.

The number of casino licences in London rose from 19 to 20 and the board says that facilities in London are more than sufficient to meet demand.

The sums taken by casinos nationally as house wins rose from £177 million in 1980-81 to £278 million last year.

During the year, the board discussed with the British Casino Association the interpretation of the Gaming Act on the acceptance of cheques and "promotional" activities. Guidelines have been issued by the association and brought to the notice of casinos which are not members.

No casino shall accept a cheque from a player to enable him to game if he or she has dishonoured a previous cheque from which the debt, or any part of it, remains outstanding to that casino, except in special circumstances and then subject to a prescribed procedure.

No casino shall agree to enter into an arrangement to make settlement of a player's debt arising from a dishonoured gaming cheque for less than the full amount for which it was drawn.

The guidelines say small value gifts are permissible on a general basis to members, such as diaries and pens.

Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain 1984 (Stationery Office, £4.95).

REGIONAL CASINO FIGURES

Region	1984 £m	% increase
Scotland	49	4.3
North	130	3.2
Midlands, Wales	84	7.7
South	90	12.5
London	1,130	16.7

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Game	1980-81 % of drop	1981-82 % of drop	1982-83 % of drop	1983 % of drop	1984 % of drop
American roulette	82.5	61.1	64.6	63.9	62.0
Punto banco (including baccarat)	17.3	18.6	17.0	17.5	19.7
Blackjack	18.3	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.6
Craps	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
French roulette	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.5

Hoteliers warned on high prices

By Robin Young

Britain's hotels could price themselves out of the tourism market, a leading hotel consultant said yesterday.

Hotel occupancies and profits would achieve records this year, but with few new hotels being built prices could be forced up to unacceptable levels, according to Mr Jonathan Bodlender, managing director of Horwath and Horwath.

"This could hasten a self-induced slump", he said. "It would have happened already if sterling had not been so weak."

Mr Bodlender was introducing his company's 1985 report, which showed hotel acquisitions running at record levels throughout the United Kingdom. Competition among overseas hotel chains to buy English hotels has been so intense that de luxe hotels in London now change hands at between £155,000 and £300,000 a room.

But Mr Bodlender said that present increases of 15 per cent, double the rate of inflation, could not be sustained without damaging Britain's attraction as a tourist destination.

For the present, though, the higher the tariff the higher the occupancy figures are likely to be. Statistics from 215 hotels showed that country hotels charging more than £60 a night single had between 6 and 10 per cent more business than those charging under £30 a night. In London, too, the highest occupancy rates are achieved by hotels charging more than £90.

● Britons will spend more than £5,000 million on tourism in England this year, Mr Duncan Bluck, the chairman of the English Tourist Board, predicted yesterday.

Monkey kept in 'hot box' cage

By Tony Samstag

Keeping a monkey in a small cage at high temperatures was equivalent to the notorious "hot box" punishment inflicted on French Foreign legionnaires, Croydon Crown Court was told.

Mr Cyril Rosen, British representative of the International Primate Protection League, said there were many reasons why the collapse of the monkey would have been "almost inevitable" in circumstances that led to a £250 fine against the Royal College of Surgeons last February. The college was convicted by magistrates at Bromley of inflicting unnecessary cruelty on a female breeding macaque named "Mone", which had been found dehydrated and unconscious in its cage the previous June. The RCS is appealing against the conviction. The appeal continues.

Primary teachers' drugs guide

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

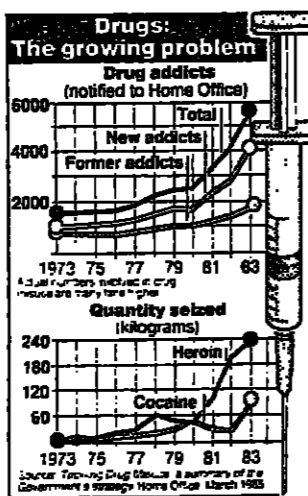
Primary school teachers should be well informed about drugs and solvents so that they can answer children's questions and detect signs of misuse, according to a government booklet published yesterday, which is to be issued to all schools.

Drug Misuse and the Young with a foreword by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, says that education about illegal drugs at primary schools is rare.

"Nevertheless, many children in the eight to twelve age band are well aware of the drug issues and ask questions about them."

"Heads and teachers of this age group need to be well informed about drugs and solvents and their misuse so that children's questions can be answered both sensitively and accurately."

Primary school teachers, and secondary teachers, are told to watch for warning signs that a child might be experimenting with drugs. First experiments



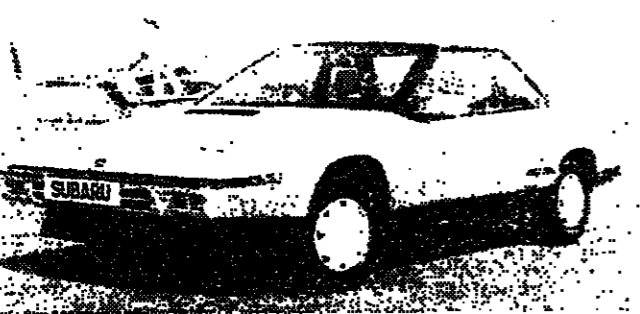
Sir Keith says that the misuse of drugs of all kinds was a serious problem, putting all young people at risk.

At the launch yesterday Mr Robert Dunn, Under Secretary of State, said: "Our aim is not to create a climate of crisis or alarm, but to provide teachers and others with a useful source of general advice and information in an often confusing and complex area."

It was important that teachers should know about the local network of advice and support and work with other agencies, he said. The Department of Education and Science, which produced the booklet jointly with the Welsh Office, is making £2 million available to education authorities to appoint drug abuse co-ordinators.

The guide suggests that selected school staff might be nominated as consultants to help teachers.

The Government is funding two other projects to prepare curriculum materials for teachers and their trainers and to analyse how education authorities are combating drug misuse.



The new four-wheel drive Subaru turbo.

Fastest Subaru at 125mph goes on sale today

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The fastest Subaru yet, a 125mph sports coupé with a turbo-charged engine and four-wheel drive "on demand", goes on sale in Britain today. It costs £12,000.

The XT 4WD Turbo is an eye-catching wedge shape and has one of the most streamlined bodies seen in a standard production car. The drag factor of only 0.29 matches the previous best attained by the Renault 25 executive saloon.

Nominally a 2+2, the abbreviated rear seats are only big enough for children but used in conjunction with a unique "through boot" arrangement they provide a useful extension of the luggage space, which is not available on competitors.

Another new feature is the linking of the instrument panel and minor driving controls to the adjustable steering wheel so that they move as one unit.

The tilt mechanism on the wheel has its own memory. It can be flipped up to get in the car more easily and will then automatically reset to the chosen position.

The car was introduced to the American market two months ago and has already won wide acclaim.

Killers trapped by science breakthrough

Two killers, trapped by a revolutionary radioactive forensic science process, were each jailed for 12 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Junior Tull, aged 22, and Andrew Chung, aged 20, thought they had escaped without leaving fingerprints after robbing a takeaway food shop manager at the Recorder of London. Sir James Miskin, said the manager's head was bound with yards of insulating tape, which suffocated him, and forensic scientists used the new method to discover a single print on the tape.

Tull, an electrician, of Bayliss Road, Waterloo, and Chung, unemployed, of Overton Road, Brixton, were found guilty of the manslaughter of Mr Vahid Alashzai, aged 31.

They admitted robbing Mr Alashzai, of £2,100. The jury found them not guilty of murder.

Tea for the road

Trusthouse Forte's Granary cafe-restaurant at the Keele service station on the M6 were an award yesterday, sponsored by the Tea Council and the Milk Marketing Board, for serving the best motorway tea.



Bob Geldof, the pop singer and organizer of the Band Aid charity, with London schoolchildren yesterday on announcing a new appeal, backed by British Rail, to maintain food supplies to famine-stricken areas of Africa.

Campaign to combat teenage smoking

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A campaign to discourage school-leavers from smoking was launched at the Royal Society of Medicine yesterday by the National Society of Non-Smokers.

The action is supported by the British Medical Association, ASH, the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association and other health care organizations.

An estimated 25 per cent of school-leavers smoke, according to the society. It aims to use existing schools' information programmes to stimulate awareness of the dangers.

The campaign is the latest in a series of effective projects started by the society since its formation 26 years ago.

Advisory centres for people who find it most difficult to give up the habit are believed to have a higher success rate than any alternative for really hard cases. But only 30 per cent of people who take the motivational course are still non-smokers a year later.

(Photograph: Suresh Karadia)

Cottesloe reopens with season of new plays

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The National Theatre's Cottesloe stage is to reopen for six months on September 23 with a festival of new plays.

The small experimental stage was closed earlier this year when the company said that the modest rise in its Arts Council grant meant that it could not support three separate stages.

The Greater London Council has promised £375,000 to help the National through its crisis in funds, part of which will pay to keep the Cottesloe open.

The move will take the reopening of the stage beyond the announcement of next year's arts grants, which the company hopes will enable it to keep the Cottesloe open permanently, though there are growing fears that the financial situation for many arts groups will worsen next year.

The festival will consist of 10 plays developed in the National's studio, among them *The Garden of England*, a documentary drawn from interviews with Kent miners and their families during and after the pit strike.

The National also announced that in the new season Alan Bates is to make his debut with the company as Archie Rice in John Osborne's *The Entertainer*. Joan Plowright, whose husband Lord Olivier has his most successful role outside the classical theatre in the same part at the Royal Court and on film, will also be in the play.

Make music part of daily school life, report says

By Our Education Correspondent

Music should be part of every child's daily experience from nursery school to the lower classes of junior school, according to Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools.

From the age of eight children should receive some specialized teaching, and music should be an option for pupils aged over 14, a discussion paper on the aims of music education, published yesterday, suggests.

The booklet, the fourth in the inspectors' series *Curriculum Matters*, says that music education should emphasize performance, composition and listening.

"Music is essentially a practical subject," it adds.

The inspectors say that pupils under the age of seven should be taught songs, take part in improvisation, play by ear and be able to invent a melody.

From age seven to eleven children should know many songs by heart, including folk, pop and hymns; be able to improvise and compose music; and play by ear.

The inspectors say that for 11 to 14-year-olds singing will continue to figure prominently but add that the traditional "massed" singing may not always be appropriate.

Comments and suggestions on the paper are invited and should be sent to the Staff Inspector for Music, DES, Elizabeth House, York Road, London SE1 by November 30.

Cave diver to surface

One of a team of cave divers attempting to find the link between Wookey Hole and Swildon's Hole in Somerset and to set a new British depth record for the sport is expected to return to the surface today with a progress report.

Floodwater which reduced visibility in the complex of underwater passages and caverns to nil, has delayed the start of the attempt. The leading American cave diver, Mr Bill Stone, and his wife Pat, an emergency technician, experienced diver and last-minute addition to the team, swam into the initial sump on Sunday followed by Rob Parker, of Bristol, who is to lead the attempt.

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PM's statement

Planning in London

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SDP leader produces union ballot forms

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EEC SUMMIT

While it was regrettable that the opportunity available to the European Council to strengthen foreign policy cooperation and improve decision making within the EEC was not taken at the Milan summit of heads of Community member states, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, made clear in a Commons statement that the United Kingdom would be present at the further conference on the issues.

The Commission also reported on the steps being taken to give effect to the British initiative on deregulation at the last European Council. The European Council generally endorsed the report of the Committee on Regional Policy which itself recommends cutting the burden of Community legislation and proposes easier access to medical care abroad.

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C) said he regretted that some of their European partners seemed reluctant to make practical decisions on a day-to-day basis, preferring apparently to kick the ball into the long grass.

While welcoming what we are to attend the inter-governmental conference on the People's Europe which any way (he asked) in which we can help undo the damage done by the cause of European unity at Milan by some of our European partners?

The Prime Minister said that by agreeing steps to remove barriers to trade and to strengthen high technology in the Milan European Council contributed to the EEC's economic strength and to the creation of wealth and new jobs.

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Mr Kenneth Clarke, Leader of the Opposition, questioned the Prime Minister on the summit at which he said, the Prime Minister had not after six years of struggle succeeded in winning one tangible, positive advantage, wondered if Mrs Thatcher was vexed or was it the case as her Mr Bernard Ingham had told them: 'It is not irritation with the Prime Minister it is a total volcanic eruption. Krakatoa has nothing on it.'

How soon, he wondered, was she going to join that extinct volcano? Mr Thatcher retorted: On bluster and fury, I could not hold a candle to Mr Kinnock in the emission of hot air. (Laughter)

In her statement, Mrs Thatcher said she was not vexed or angry. The European Council had circled specific proposals for the development of the Community, covering completion of the internal market; strengthening political co-operation; and improvements in decision-making. The meeting offered the opportunity for action over a broad range of these proposals and a number of important decisions were taken.

What is not important that the Prime Minister should attend such a conference because the other countries could make changes in procedure without altering the text of the agreement.

The removal of physical and technical barriers to the movement of goods:
• A free market in financial services;
• A free market for transport;
• The completion of the single market; Full freedom of establishment for the professions.

These are the United Kingdom's own priorities. On political co-operation, the European Council decided to set in hand the work necessary to reach agreement on the lines proposed by the United Kingdom, taking account also of a subsequent amendment to which Mrs Thatcher also agreed.

By contrast, when it came to procedures for decision-making by a majority, the European Council preferred to postpone action and to put the issues to an inter-governmental conference to be convened under Article 236 of the Treaty of Rome.

An inter-governmental conference could be called by majority vote but any recommendations to change the treaty had to be done by unanimous vote and had to go before each parliament.

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The recent changes in the board and lodging regulations were defended as reasonable by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, during Commons questions when Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said they were turning thousands of unemployed youngsters into vagrants and could result in the old and sick being denied care or evicted.

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The issue was raised by Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) who urged the Prime Minister to reflect on the fact that at least two people have already committed suicide since the Government introduced new and punishing regulations for board and lodging.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Details of a proposal to set up a joint planning committee for Greater London after abolition of the GLC were given by Lord Elton, Minister of State for Environment, at the third reading of the Local Government Bill in the House of Lords.

Moving a new Government clause to make statutory provision for such an arrangement, he recalled an earlier Government undertaking to secure some form of cooperation between London boroughs, needed on those planning and development matters requiring a wider than London overview.

Such a body would enable the boroughs to discuss common issues and present their views to the Secretary of State for the Environment. Suitable machinery was required for London, Greater London had 6,700,000 inhabitants, provided three million jobs, attracted more than five million commuters from outside its boundaries, and was a major tourist centre.

He emphasized that this new proposal did not mean that the Government was setting up a strategic authority. It did not see a role for such an authority. But matters of a local nature fell most naturally to the boroughs. It was important that the boroughs should plan together so that they could confer with each other on matters of common interest and planning and with their neighbours outside Greater London.

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GLC debate Joint body for planning after GLC abolition

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Plans of a proposal to set up a joint planning committee for Greater London after abolition of GLCs were given by Lord Elton, Minister for the Environment, at the third reading of the Local Government Bill in the House of Lords.

Moving a new Government to make statutory provision for such an arrangement, he recalled earlier Government undertakings to secure some form of cooperation between the London boroughs on those planning and development matters requiring a greater London overview.

Such a body would enable boroughs to discuss common issues, present their views to the Secretary of State for the Environment, and coordinate the use of suitable machinery to assist the 700,000 inhabitants of Greater London.

He emphasized that this proposal did not mean that the Government was setting up a new authority. It would be a joint body for a local nature, not a national one, and would be a useful source of information to the Secretary of State.

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Geoffrey Smith

Hurd walks out after 'liar' insult over Ulster parades

From Tim Jones, Belfast

Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, walked out of a meeting of the Assembly's security committee yesterday after being called a liar by 'loyalist' politicians.

Democratic Unionist politicians hurled their insult at Mr Hurd after refusing to accept his assurance that the Government of the Republic of Ireland had nothing to do with his decision to order the rerouting of some traditional Orange parades in the province.

At the same time, Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and his senior officers made it clear that force would be used to thwart any attempt to defy the banning orders.

The accusation against Mr Hurd was made by the Rev Ivan Foster, leader of the so-called Third Force of Loyalists, and by Mr Gregory Campbell, another DUP member.

Both men insisted that the rerouting of some parades had been carried out at the insistence of the Irish Government to demonstrate that Britain was prepared to offer it a consultative role in the affairs of the province.

After the meeting, Mr Hurd said that although his attitude about future meetings with the committee was rather jaundiced, there were members who are thoroughly genuine in their concern for security and who have a lot of real experience, and I respect them.

Mr Hurd said the Irish Government had made no representations to him about the July parades although it had made its position clear and public in the past.

In his statement, Sir John Hermon firmly denied that political considerations took any part in police decisions to reroute parades. He pointed out that few if any police forces in the world had to deal with the same degree of threat to the community and to the police as the RUC. Nineteen members of the force have been murdered this year.

"The police have neither the power nor the desire to infringe the important basic right of people to parade, protest or demonstrate within the law, but the police do have the responsibility for maintaining public order, preserving the peace and acting in the public interest as a whole."

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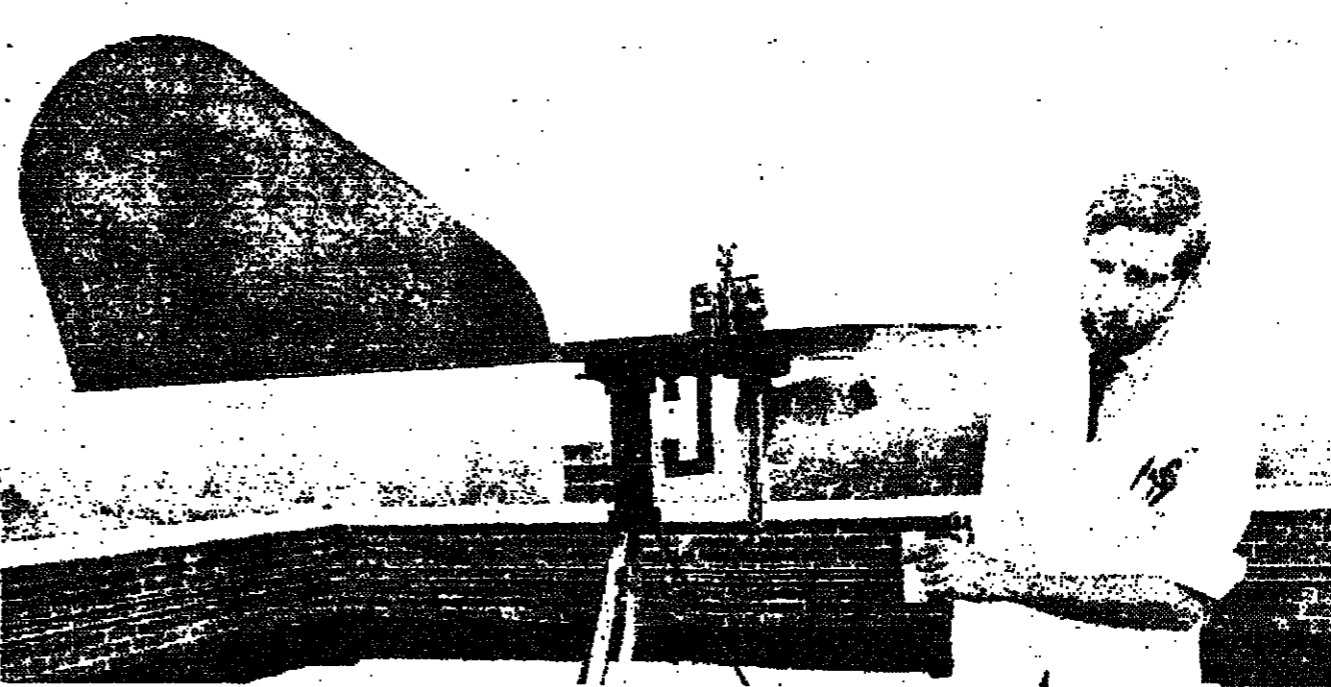
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Mr Mike Savage, a senior laboratory technician with the Asthma Research Council, using a pollen trap on the roof of St Mary's Hospital Medical School, Paddington, London. (Our Science Correspondent writes). The trap draws in air and captures pollen particles on a moving microscope slide. The number of grains is counted and the frequency with which they enter the trap are combined to evaluate the day's pollen count. The count over central London yesterday was 100, the highest so far this year, and twice the level at which hay fever sufferers become affected. The council says the outlook is similar and may be higher, during the next two weeks. The peak season of discomfort.

(Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Former jockey bit PC

Jeff King, aged 44, a racehorse trainer and former jockey, bit a police officer on the arm, magistrates at Swindon, Wiltshire, were told yesterday.

King, of Elm Cross House, Broad Henton, near Swindon, was fined a total of £215 for assaulting the police officer and for a drink driving offence.

He was disqualified from driving for four years. He had admitted both offences.

King was said to have been handcuffed by the police who tried to manhandle him into a police car.

Mr Ken Morrison, for the defence, said: "One of the police officers used a half-nelson across his mouth and my client couldn't breathe."

"In the normal course of events he would never dream of assaulting the police."

Mr Colin Meekes, for the prosecution, said King was arrested on suspicion of a drink driving offence and hit Police Constable Richard Preston.

Drink caused drownings

A doctor told an inquest yesterday that alcohol was frequently under-estimated as a cause of drowning.

Alison and Jean Margaron, of Parkland Close, St Columb Minor, Cornwall, died on April 2 at Loe Bar beach, Porthleven, known as a danger spot.

An inquest at Helston recorded verdicts of accidental death after hearing how the sister had drunk three pints of an unusually strong Cornish beer.

They had then gone with friends to the beach for a paddle. A freak wave knocked them over and swept them out to sea.

Dr John Dunscombe, a pathologist, said: "I suspect that most of my colleagues have ignored the effects of alcohol. Between a third and half of all drowning deaths are directly related to alcohol."

The alcohol in the dead women's blood exceeded the drink-drive limit.

Labour and Liberal camps appear to believe that the final stage of the Brecon by-election has become a race between them. Yet both are keen to project much the same kind of appeal to the electors.

I do not mean that the two parties have become indistinguishable. It is rather that they seem to have made broadly the same kind of tactical appreciation as to what the people of Brecon and Radnor want.

The Labour and Liberal candidates are both parading their local connections to an even greater extent than is customary in a by-election.

Both are campaigning essentially against the Government's record, as it affects the constituents. So they are fiercely critical of the local impact of public spending cuts.

Both candidates are keen to mobilise public resentment at the level of unemployment, but again it is the local impact on which they focus.

Mr Richard Livsey, the Liberal, makes a particular point of linking the lack of employment opportunities in the area with the problem of rural depopulation.

Both are stronger on grievances than remedies. "Thatcher's Greed" is the message rather than the building of the new Jerusalem. One should not, however, make too much of this. It is hardly a constitutional novelty for opposition parties to fight mid-term by-elections on negative themes.

Labour presents acceptable face

What is more significant is that these campaigns are not only negative but moderate. That a Liberal campaign should be moderate is taken for granted; moderation is the Alliance's stock in trade.

Labour has suffered so much in recent years from frightening the electorate, time and again, both at the general election and in by-elections, one has heard complaints on the doorstep of the party's extremism, of its divisions and of the twin demons of Scargill and Benn.

I have not heard much of these themes on the doorsteps of Brecon and Radnor. Dr Richard Willey, the Labour candidate, is the kind of man who seems as if he would present a threat only on the sportsfield. With his deep black hair and slight build, he looks like the archetypal Welsh fly-half.

In fighting a campaign based on social concern more than ideology, Dr Willey may be simply following his instincts. Others in the Labour campaign are more aware as a matter of calculation of the need for Labour to present a more acceptable face than in recent years.

As Mr Denis Healey put it in the course of an enjoyable knockabout on Monday evening: "I don't deny that we have been through some bad years, but these are now over."

But will Scargill deter voters?

That is the message Labour is seeking to convey, and not only in Brecon. The past few years were an aberration, the old Labour Party of good-hearted men and women, with a special concern for the underdog, is back in business.

Whether this message gets across is one of the two factors on which the outcome of this by-election will turn. Will voters accept that the smiling Mr Kinnoch, the reassuring Mr Healey and the friendly Dr Willey personally the true spirit of the Labour Party today?

Or will Mr Arthur Scargill's challenge this week to a future Labour Government, with his demand that his union should be allowed to nominate the chairman of the National Coal Board, persuade the voters that the extremists have simply been regathering their forces?

The other critical factor is what will happen to the Conservative vote. The Conservatives had such a large lead last time that they could lose a lot of support and still scrape home, though that would be the least expected result.

There are some in the Labour camp, however, who are not convinced that the Conservative vote is crumbling as much as is now being suggested. There could be an element of wishful thinking here.

The Liberal will not beat Labour unless he is helped by numerous Conservative defections. Even if the Conservatives do not hold the seat, the strength of their performance may determine who does.

Complaint by CND is rejected

Bernard Levin was entitled to express a subjective personal opinion about the motives of some members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, the Press Council said today in rejecting a complaint against *The Times* by Mr Bruce Kent, then CND's general secretary.

Writing from CND, at 11 Goodman Street, London, N4, Mr Kent complained that it was unfair of the editor of *The Times* to allow a contributor to make damaging allegations against members of CND and fail to substantiate these when challenged.

Dealing with an alleged infiltration of CND by the security services, Mr Levin commented that he had no doubt that most of CND's members worked for it because they saw in it the best hope of preserving the peace of the world. He had equally no doubt that some of them worked for it because they saw in it the best hope of turning this country into part of the Soviet empire, he said.

Two days later *The Times* published in full a brief letter from Mr Kent asking Mr Levin in the interests of justice and truth to name some of these people. Later Mr Levin devoted the whole of his column to a mock apology to CND.

Mr Kent complained to the council that it was disgraceful that Mr Levin could defame organizations like CND yet refused to name such people. The editor seemed to take the view that unless an individual could claim that he or she had been personally defamed, there had been no defamation. He thought this was unfair, especially since organizations were not able to take action themselves. He had been in CND for nearly 20 years and had yet to meet someone who wanted this country to become "part of the Soviet empire".

Mr Colin Webb, deputy editor of *The Times*, said the substance of the article was fair comment by a columnist. Mr Levin was quite entitled to say that he had no doubt that the aims and intentions of CND were such that, while honourable in themselves, they would be capable of attracting "some" members who would see in those aims and intentions the opportunity to achieve the outcome he foresaw.

The Press Council's adjudication is: In the Press Council's view Mr Levin's assertion about the motives of some members of CND was clearly a subjective personal opinion which he was entitled to express in an article of this type. It was in effect challenged by the short letter published from Mr Kent. The complaint against *The Times* is rejected.

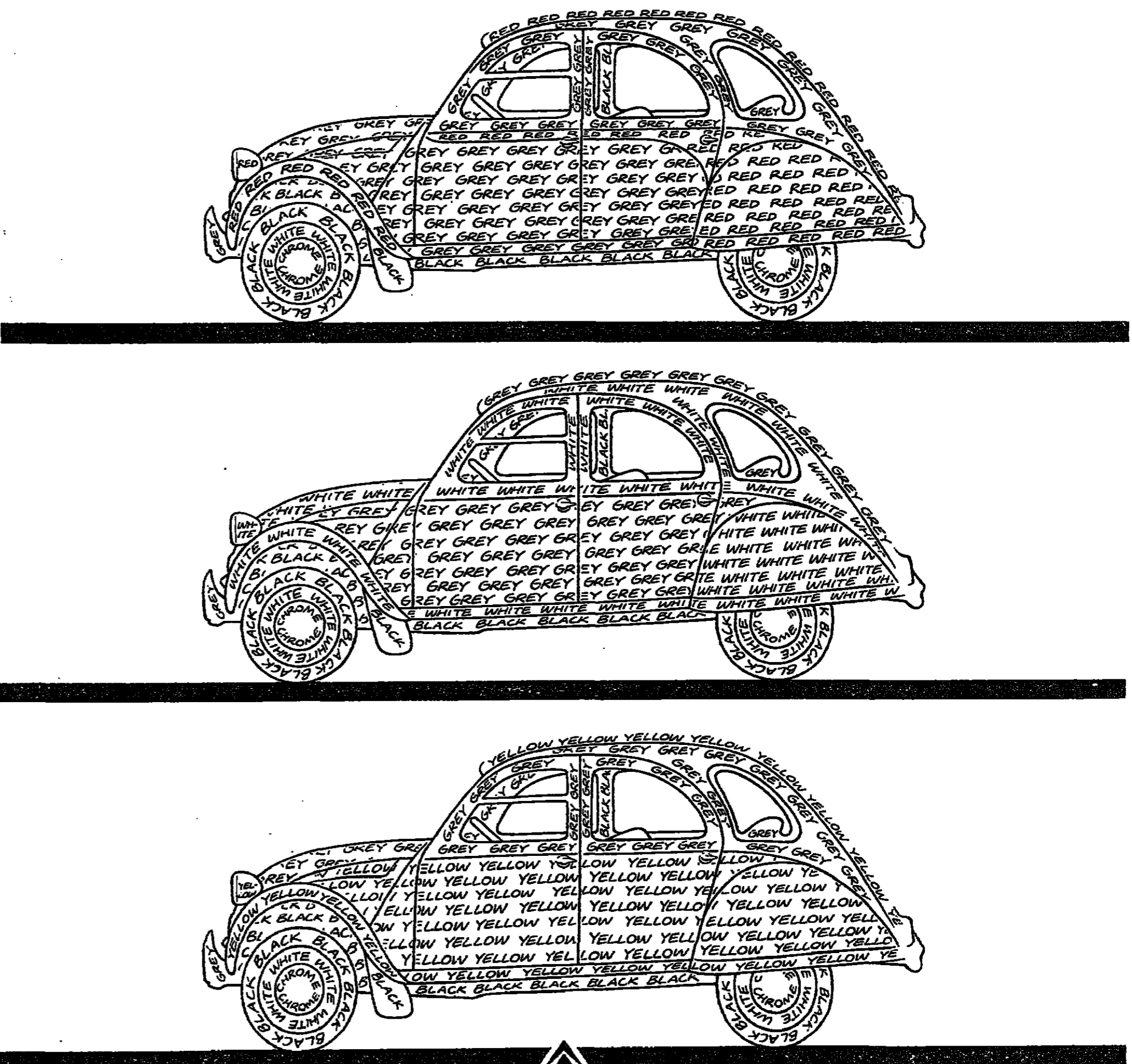
Police may take control of pathologists

Home Office pathologists in England and Wales could lose their title and be appointed and paid by the police, a confidential discussion paper suggested yesterday.

Mr Gordon Wasserman, Under Secretary at the Home Office and chairman of the working party of forensic pathology, said: "There seems little justification for a continuing Home Office role."

The 30 or so senior pathologists on the Home Office approved list meet in Sheffield on Saturday and most are expected to oppose the proposition. One said yesterday: "Our independence and integrity could be totally compromised. We would probably be labelled 'police' pathologists and subject to their orders."

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The interiors still remain comfortably sparse. Under the bonnet there's still more space than engine - there's so little to go wrong, there's hardly anything to service or repair. The petrol consumption remains as always miserly. Which is presumably why the 2CV Dollys sell for a preposterous £2,899 (even in these opulent new colours).

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Gee allowed to challenge GMC move

Professional disciplinary proceedings against Dr Sidney Gee, slimming expert, of Chester Close North, Regent's Park, London, are to be further delayed after a High Court ruling yesterday that he can challenge the way in which they are being brought.

Dr Gee, aged 64, received more than £100,000 libel damages earlier this year in settlement of actions he had brought against the BBC, members of the *That's Life* series team and two doctors.

An investigation by the General Medical Council into allegations of "serious professional misconduct" against Dr Gee was delayed by the libel hearing, which the Court of Appeal had decided must be heard first.

Master fined

Captain Rodman Tarbuck, of Hinderton Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside, the master of the tanker London Spirit was fined £1,000 with £750 prosecution costs by Dover magistrates yesterday for steering his ship in the wrong traffic lane in the Dover Strait.

Murder 'prints'

Police are to fingerprint 1,200 people living close to the house in Roman Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, where Constance Aris, aged 73, was found murdered last February, in an attempt to identify a mystery print near her body.

Shevardnadze to face his first big test at Helsinki talks

From Richard Owen Moscow

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze's first important test as Soviet Foreign Minister is likely to come at the end of this month and beginning of August, when foreign ministers from East and West gather in Helsinki to mark the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Agreements.

On the face of it, Mr Shevardnadze's background has not prepared him for this encounter, and he will have the further handicap of suffering from inevitable comparison with the legendary figure of Mr Andrei Gromyko.

On the other hand, Mr Shevardnadze has the quick wit, ability and smooth manner typical of the Georgians, a gifted people used to bargaining and negotiating. Mr Gorbachov will no doubt expect him swiftly to cut a convincing figure while President Gromyko continues for the time being to embody Soviet foreign policy.

The key dates in Gromyko's career

- 1908: Born in the village of Staroye Gromyko, Gomel region, in Byelorussia into a Russian peasant family. Eight at the time of the Revolution.
- 1932: Graduated from Economics Institute.
- 1939: Joined diplomatic service, appointed counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.
- 1943: Ambassador in Washington 1943 until 1946. Took part in the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences.
- 1948: First Soviet permanent representative at the newly formed United Nations. Subsequently Ambassador to London.
- 1953: Returned to Moscow after death of Stalin, made Deputy Foreign Minister.
- 1957: Succeeded Molotov as Foreign Minister. Held post continuously until 1985.
- 1964: Survived fall of Khrushchev, went on to serve under Brezhnev, Andropov, Chernenko and Gorbachov.
- 1973: Joined Politburo.
- 1982: Made Deputy Prime Minister as well as Foreign Minister.
- 1983: Boycotted United Nations General Assembly after row over Iranian nuclear incident. A bust of him unveiled at his birthplace in July.
- 1984: Made harsh anti-American speech at UN. But also met President Reagan and Gorbachov for resumption of arms talks. Awarded Order of Lenin by Chernenko in October in recognition of 45 years of diplomatic activity.
- 1985: Held talks with George Shultz in January on framework for renewed Geneva arms negotiations.

Queen's message for Gromyko

The Queen has sent an official message to Mr Gromyko, congratulating him on becoming Soviet head of state. Whitehall announced last night (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

It was sent yesterday with a welcome from Sir Geoffrey Howe to the new Soviet foreign minister, and a personal letter by Sir Geoffrey to Mr Gromyko. The Foreign Office intends to invite Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the new Kremlin foreign minister, to London this year.

Mr Shevardnadze, a candidate Politburo member since 1978, has enjoyed a meteoric rise to power this week, becoming a full Politburo member on Monday and foreign minister yesterday.

He will obviously be entirely Mr Gorbachov's man, and may have been chosen for this reason, since other, better qualified candidates - for example, Mr Aliyev, who has wide experience in the Middle East and South-East Asia - are powerful forces in their own right.

Mr Shevardnadze is a history teacher by profession, and made his career in the Komsomol and interior ministry in Georgia before becoming Georgian party leader in 1972. Soviet officials maintained yesterday that he was well suited to the post and has wide foreign experience, but his biography shows that his travels have been limited.

Apart from the Soviet bloc, he has been to Portugal (1979 and 1983), Brazil (1983), India (1982) and Algeria (1984). There is doubt over whether he speaks adequate English or French. A provincial politician par excellence, he has made speeches on local issues and the nationalities question, and has dealt firmly with corruption and drug abuse in Georgia.

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Familiar old faces join pension queue

From Richard Owen Moscow

The normally moribund Supreme Soviet, which meets only twice a year for the automatic approval of decrees, buzzed with excitement yesterday for the first time since Yuri Andropov succeeded Leonid Brezhnev at the helm in 1982 and the political logjam began to move.

Yesterday, in the Great Kremlin Palace under the golden domes of the Kremlin cathedral, the logjam shifted again. There was surprise in the press gallery when Mr Andrei Gromyko was named head of state and astonishment when Mr Eduard Shevardnadze was named his successor as Foreign Minister.

There was even a murmur of what passes for animation of the floor of the chamber. Near the platform, up in the diplomatic boxes, the American Ambassador could be seen shaking his head in disbelief.

The Politburo line-up on the dais told the story of changing times under Mr Gorbachov: they were gone, all gone, the old familiar faces. No Ustinov, no Andropov, no Chernenko, no Romanov. Mr Gromyko was being moved upstairs to the presidency, as rumour had suggested he might be, and Mr Nikolai Tikhonov and Mr Viktor Grishin were surely next in the pension queue.

Of the present Politburo, seven of 13 have been promoted since the death of Brezhnev. They sat where Brezhnev veterans had sat for so long: Mr Yegor Ligachov (confirmed as No 2), Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov (looking far too young to be a power in the land), Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, Mr Gaidar Aliyev, and Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the dapper, silver-haired Georgian suddenly elevated to Foreign Minister.

In the tea room Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, Mr Gromyko's able and pleasant spokesman, gave an impromptu briefing on his new boss. Mr Shevardnadze was widely travelled, he said, including Algeria, Brazil and Portugal. He often received foreign delegations.

Did the speak English? "Yes" Mr Lomeiko said uncertainly, adding guardedly that languages were a difficult skill. Mr Gromyko himself sat expressionless through the applause which greeted his nomination and election as President, pointing his chin upwards in the impassive manner which has baffled so many adversaries over the last eight years. It was impossible to detect what he might be thinking at this historic moment in his career, and in Soviet politics.

Mr Gorbachov, having gone down to the rostrum to nominate his elderly ally, and to explain why he no longer felt the presidency should be combined with the party leadership, returned smiling to his seat as the next surprise was unveiled.



The revamped Soviet leadership that yesterday voted in Mr Andrei Gromyko as President differs radically from the old leadership...



... the Kremlin class of 1980: No Ustinov (top left), Andropov (top centre), Pelshe (centre), Kirilenko (bottom left), Susslov (centre), or Brezhnev (bottom right).

before our very eyes, this time by Mr Tikhonov: the appointment of Mr Shevardnadze. What would Mr Gorbachov's next trick be - the replacement of Mr Tikhonov as Prime Minister, perhaps by Mr Gorbachov himself? But he clearly felt he had generated enough excitement for one day.

As the next speaker embarked on a rambling speech about environmental protection, Mr Gorbachov slipped out of his seat and quietly left the hall. There were obviously more pressing matters.

lines. Last month the Government took the easy way out of the Sharia issue in Parliament by saying that the legal code would merely be reappraised and "purified" of its non-Islamic elements, and this, it concluded would take time.

But time is something that Islamic fundamentalists are running out of. They blame the Government for deliberately stalling on the issue and of attempting to use underhand methods to infiltrate their movement.

For years, Egypt's minority Coptic Christians have been displaying crosses and pictures of their saints and popes on their car windows, particularly after Pope Shenouda III was banished by President Sadat to a desert monastery, from which he was freed last January.

Recently, however, Egypt's Muslims have been getting their own back. Thousand of different coloured stickers with the phrase "There is but one God and Mohammed is his Prophet", have suddenly appeared on cars near view windows.

How, one wonders, will the ban apply to the plethora of stickers which adorn Egyptian cars, from "I Love Cairo" to the unmistakable logo of the Playboy bunny, often lighting for window space beneath a stark "Allah is Great" or bearded Shenhouda.

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Nato sees boost for Gorbachov

Nato officials view the Kremlin changes as a strengthening of the position of Mr Gorbachov.

They believe that the position of foreign minister is not very highly regarded in Moscow, pointing out the Mr Gromyko was Foreign Minister for 10 years without being a Politburo member, and that position within the Communist Party is all-important.

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- Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov, General Secretary, aged 54.
- Gaidar Aliyevich Aliyev, Deputy Prime Minister, former Azerbaijani leader, aged 62.
- Vitaly Ivanovich Vorotnikov, Russian Federation's Prime Minister, aged 59.
- Viktor Vasilyevich Grishin, Moscow party leader, aged 70.
- Andrei Andreyevich Gromyko, head of the party's control commission, aged 72.
- Nikolai Aleksandrovich Tikhonov, Prime Minister, aged 80.
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- Akhmedovich Kanayev, Kazakh party leader, aged 73.
- Yegor Yuzvich Ligachov, Secretary for cadres and ideology, aged 64.
- Nikolai Ivanovich Ryzhkov, secretary for the economy, aged 67.
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Of the above, Aliyev, Vorotnikov and Solomentsev were elevated under Andropov, Chebrikov, Ligachov, Ryzhkov and Shevardnadze under Gorbachov. There were no changes under Chernenko. Those removed since the death of Brezhnev include Kirilenko (ousted), Pelshe (dead), Ustinov (dead), Andropov (dead), Chernenko (dead), Romanov (ousted). The departure of Romanov leaves only three full Politburo members who also hold the influential position of Central Committee secretary: Gorbachov, Ryzhkov, and Ligachov. The elevation of Gromyko to the presidency leaves three who are also in the Council of Ministers: Aliyev, Tikhonov and Shevardnadze.

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Nashville (AP) - Tennessee state prison convicts took 12 guards hostage and seized the prison hospital and three other buildings in what officials described as a "full-scale riot" over new prison uniform. One guard was shot.

Another disturbance was reported at the Morgan County correctional facility in Wartburg, while armed guards and troopers were mopping up after an overnight hostage seizure at the state prison in Only.

The trouble in Only began when prisoners refused to wear new uniform shirts to dinner, but inmates also complained about food and overcrowding.

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Redgrave appeal

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Island's chief

Agana, Guam (Reuters) - Vice-President Alfonso Otiroang has been sworn in as President of the Pacific island republic of Palau after the assassination on Sunday of President Haruo Remelick, according to reports from the capital, Koror. Police investigating the murder have so far made no arrests and have discovered no motive.

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Miami (Reuters) - Norman Saunders, former chief minister of the Turks and Caicos Islands, went on trial yesterday charged with plotting to use the British-ruled territory as a base to smuggle drugs into the United States. He was arrested here in March after allegedly accepting \$20,000 from US agents posing as drug smugglers.

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Quandary for Reagan in balancing Assad and Peres Debt to Syria may refine US peace moves

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Throughout the 17-day hostage crisis Washington insisted that the search for a Middle East peace settlement was still going on. But two perceptions emerging from the blanket television coverage are forcing a reappraisal of the Reagan Administration's policies: the importance of Syria to any settlement, and the reluctance of the Israeli coalition government to risk anything that would sharpen internal division.

The vital role played by President Assad of Syria in securing the hostages' release has put the Administration in a quandary. It cannot appear ungrateful, but it has no desire to accommodate Damascus or to weigh Syrian interests in its finely-balanced proposals for talks between Israel and Jordan.

To snub Damascus, however, risks wounding fierce pride, and provoking him into more active opposition to the US-sponsored peace process. And it reduces hopes of freeing the remaining seven American captives in Lebanon.

There is an almost visceral reluctance here to improve relations with Syria, which has long been portrayed as a Soviet vassal, a shadowy sponsor of terrorism, a regional mischief-maker and implacable foe of American and Israeli interests.

The State Department spokesman emphasized on Monday that Syria had not been removed from the US list of nations supporting terrorism. President Reagan, in his nationwide address, thanked King Hussein of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Algerian Government for their support in the hostage crisis, but said merely, ambiguously, that Syria "has had a central responsibility".

Washington's difficulty is that any increases warmth to Syria will be at the expense of relations with Israel, and to a lesser extent with Jordan. And these countries are the key players in the plan for direct talks that would include a non-PLO delegation of Palestinians.

Until now Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State who still holds Damascus responsible for the collapse of the American-backed Israel-Lebanon peace agreement, has simply ignored that Syrian opposition.

And while he is now talking about "building on" President Assad's help in Beirut, his aides insist that the help was far from altruistic and was intended primarily to further Syrian interests in Lebanon.

Mr Shultz has also insisted that after the hijack relations with Israel were "stronger than ever". But Administration anger at Jerusalem's initial attitude - and especially the remark by Mr Yitzhak Rabin,

the Defence Minister, that the US should ask in public if it wanted any Shia Muslim prisoners released - has led to dissipate.

A significant section of the Reagan Administration is eager to see a tougher attitude towards Israel. The remark, widely attributed to Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, that Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, should look at what he was doing to American public opinion, has sparked a furore here among supporters of Israel.

The dispute has been inflamed by the implied criticisms of Israel by Mr Allyn Conwell and other hostages, who are now being denounced as "a megaphone for terrorists". But they found an echo among a surprisingly large number of man-in-the-street television viewers.

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Egypt cracks down on fundamentalists

From Alice Brinton, Cairo

The Egyptian Government is pulling no punches to prevent sectarian unrest in the country, haunted by the type of violent outbreaks between militant Muslims and Christian Coptic groups which occurred during the last months of President Sadat's rule. The Government has banned the display of popular religious stickers on cars.

The ban, according to an Interior ministry spokesman, orders car owners immediately to remove all religious pictures and phrases from their cars. Failure to do so will result in the confiscation of driving licences for a year.

It is just one more step in the Government's attempts to subdue a growing call by Muslim fundamentalist groups for the immediate application of Islamic or Sharia law. The Government appears to be ready to take any measures, however insignificant they may appear, to avoid religious tensions rising.

Calls for pro-Sharia rallies and marches have already been banned by a Cairo court and President Mubarak has personally warned of reprisals against fanatics who attempt to foment religious strife in Egypt.

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Plea to UK from wife of dissident

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent

The wife of Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, the jailed Soviet Jewish dissident, called on Britain last night to make "one big push" to help to free her husband by the end of this month.

Mrs Avital Shcharansky was here to mark a fresh campaign on his behalf, leading up to the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, the 35-nation human rights accord, on August 1.

Mrs Shcharansky, aged 33, who has not seen her husband since the day after their wedding, 11 years ago tomorrow, is hoping that the new Soviet leadership might want to mark the anniversary by an act of clemency.

Mr Shcharansky, a computer scientist, was not allowed by the Brezhnev regime to join his new wife in Jerusalem and after serving a long period in detention he was jailed for 13 years for alleged treason in July 1978.

He is in a labour camp in the Ural mountains and has recently been in hospital. He has received only seven of the "thousands" of letters written by his wife in the past seven years, she said.

Mrs Shcharansky who leaves for Paris today to try to see President Mitterrand, pointed out last night that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had described Mr Mikhail Gorbachov last December as a leader with whom she could do business.

Bangladesh leader seeks summit with Gandhi

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

President Ershad of Bangladesh has suggested a meeting between himself and the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to settle the problems between the two countries.

In an interview, President Ershad said the attitudes of Mr Gandhi towards neighbouring states were quite different from those of his mother, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

"There is a notable difference and it is not a question of rhetoric. We can feel it," he said, noting that both he and Mr Gandhi were new to politics - and that their relationship was unencumbered.

Ganges must be signed by the two other states. He was not minimizing Delhi's predicament because of more intake of water in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar but, he added, "Ours is a question of survival."

General Ershad said that he could not understand India's proposal to build a barbed wire fence (between the two countries). He said this was "a humiliation for Bangladesh."

"We shall never accept it because it makes a mockery of our independence. I believe that the fence is fall-out from the Assam problem. Now that it is nearing solution India will not need to go ahead with it."



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Polling time doubled as Zimbabwe's shivering blacks queue to vote

From Jan Raath, Harare

The time allowed for blacks to vote in Zimbabwe's general election has been doubled, to four days, after ponderous polling procedures have been dealing with only one elector every 10 minutes.

Dr Eddison Zvobgo, Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, who is also responsible for administering the elections, yesterday announced that voting would be extended until tomorrow.

Voting hours would also be extended by three hours a day, by closing polls at 10pm instead of 7pm. Extra staff had been deployed to help to speed the process, he said.

Because many schools are being used as polling stations, pupils will be given the week off.

Legislation ordering the extra polling days was approved by President Canaan Banana yesterday morning.

Zimbabwe is in the middle of one of its coldest winters. On Monday and yesterday would-be voters rose before dawn to queue to vote all over the country. Some waited all day and stayed in queues all Monday night and yesterday morning, warming themselves with fires of cardboard boxes and rubber tyres.

Many who had travelled long distances expected to cast their ballot within an hour or two and were ill-prepared for the

long wait. They went hungry. In bitterly cold winds, drizzle and mist, they waited their turn, shuffling slowly along as electoral officials checked only one voter every 10 minutes. For those waiting, the queues never seemed to move; but there was no pushing or shoving.

There were no reports of intimidation or voter harassment. Security forces, even in the troubled provinces of Matabeleland, were conspicuous by their absence.

The chief problem lies with the tedious process which must be gone through with each voter. When he or she finally arrives at the voting table, the voters' roll, in sheets of computer printout, is checked to see if the voter's name is there.

The checking itself is time-consuming, mainly because in the vernacular languages of Zimbabwe a good third of people's names begin with the letter M.

The problem is intensified in Matabeleland, where only about 10 surnames are shared among the population of about two million. Ndebele-speaking people follow totemic names rather than derive them from parents.

Experts estimate that there could be as many as 10,000 people called John Moyo in the 15 constituencies that make up Matabeleland.

Those not on the voters' roll may nevertheless have registered and be in possession of slips of paper from the Office of the Registrar-General confirming that they have been entered on the roll.

These will have to supply some sort of documentation proving where they live, and then spend more time filling in forms. A high proportion of Zimbabweans are illiterate, particularly in rural areas.

Yesterday, however, reports from polling stations said that the rate of voting had picked up, and that queues were considerably shorter than on Monday.

The Zanu (PF) Government of Mr Robert Mugabe is expected to take the majority of the 80 black seats at risk, and its candidates are standing in every constituency.

Mr Mugabe has reacted angrily to the victory of the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr Ian Smith, whose Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe took 15 of the 20 white seats in last week's voting.

He has promised to make life "very difficult" for whites who fail to follow his Government's line, but would need 70 of the 80 black seats to amend the clause guaranteeing existence of the portion of the House of Assembly reserved for white candidates.



South Koreans who live in Japan, on hunger strike in Osaka yesterday to demand that the Government abolish laws requiring fingerprints to be taken of all resident adult foreigners.

Japan boost role in US defence pact

From David Watts, Tokyo

For the first time Japan appears ready to use its security arrangements with the United States "to prevent crises".

The reference comes in the annual Blue Book, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which is both a review of past diplomatic activity.

This year it looks back over Japanese policies in the 40

years since the end of the Second World War.

The report indicates that American and Japanese military power, linked under the security treaty with the US, should be used towards diplomatic ends.

In a reference under the heading "Promotion of Security Policies," the English summary issued by the Foreign Ministry

says, "In promoting Japanese peace and prosperity, it is crucial that Japan prevent the occurrence of crises and be prepared to deal with such threats as they materialize."

"Such preparedness also serves to deter the materialization of threats."

As a member of the free and democratic nations Japan has elected to maintain this pre-

paredness through its security arrangements with the United States and the maintenance of the minimum necessary defence capability."

A Ministry of Foreign Affairs official said, however, that "it was not our intention to say anything new. If that expression is new to the Blue Book the policy itself has been established for some time."

Pope seeks East-West unity in Europe

From John Earl Rome

The Pope yesterday appealed for Christian unity and a brotherly communion between the peoples of eastern and western Europe, as a six-man Vatican delegation led by Cardinal Aconcino Casaroli, the secretary of state, left on a delicate mission to Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

The Pope designated Cardinal Casaroli as his papal legate at celebrations in the two countries for the 1,100th anniversary of the death of St. Methodius, after the Czechoslovak Government intimated that the Pope himself would not be welcome.

Cardinal Frantisk Tomasek of Prague had sent the Pope an invitation, backed by 18,000 signatures, to next Sunday's celebrations at Velehrad, where St. Methodius died in 883. Church-state relations are tense in Czechoslovakia where the church complains of constraints and persecution.

The Yugoslav ceremonies are being held first at Djakovo in Croatia tomorrow and Friday. Methodius and his brother, St. Cyril, were Greeks from Salonika, who brought Christianity to the Slav world, translating the Scriptures, opening schools and creating the so-called Cyrillic alphabet used in Russian, Serbian, Bulgarian and Macedonian.

Paris general backs neutron bombs use

From Diana Geddes, Paris

With only weeks before he retires on July 31 as Chief of Staff of the French armed forces, General Jeannou Lacaze has created a considerable stir by expressing deep concern at cutbacks in planned military spending and instead favouring deployment of chemical weapons and the neutron bomb.

In a confidential letter to the Ministry of Defence, the alleged

contents of which have been published in *Le Point* magazine, General Lacaze estimates that an extra 35 billion francs (about £2.9 billion) is required to provide the equipment the armed forces need.

His worries help to confirm recent Opposition criticism of the level of Government defence spending. The Gaullist RPR party last week claimed spending had risen in real terms by only 2 per cent over four years of socialist rule.

General Lacaze has also spoken recently of his concern about the ability to meet a chemical attack, saying that the response to any massive attack would, of course, be nuclear.

"But to reply to a limited chemical attack... it would appear desirable to have the means to retaliate... the sole alternative of all or nothing," he said.

He was again seemed to stray from traditional French policy suggesting that France should provide the tactical neutron bomb to "reinforce the ultimate warning" before all-out nuclear attack.



General Lacaze: Fears about defence spending.

Dominican leader re-elected

Roseau, Dominica (Reuter) - The Prime Minister of Dominica, Miss Charles, was re-elected with a reduced majority and said an improved showing by the leftist opposition could pose problems.

Miss Charles, aged 66, who asked Washington in October 1983 to help to oust a leftist regime in Grenada, said that four of the six opposition candidates elected to the 21-seat Parliament were communists, which she said could cause trouble for her government.

She named the alleged communists as Labour Party members Mr Pierre Charles and Mr Eden Duran, and the party leader, Mr Michael Douglas. She also said that Mr Douglas's brother, Rosie, elected as an independent, had links with Cuba.

Mr Michael Douglas has denied any communist links although he has promised to restore diplomatic ties with Cuba if elected.

The former Labour prime minister, Mr Patrick John, who is due to be tried in October on charges of conspiring to overthrow Miss Charles in a 1981 coup, was also elected.

Terror laws in Spain criticized

By Our Foreign Staff

Recent changes in Spanish legislation are inadequate to protect prisoners from the threat of torture and ill-treatment at the hands of the police and Civil Guard, according to an Amnesty International report published today.

Suspected terrorists may still be held *indefinitely* for up to 10 days, and denied access to a lawyer and proper medical attention during that time.

Court supervision of the conditions of detention has been tightened up in theory, but Amnesty International fears that the safeguards may prove ineffective in practice.

The report arises from a memorandum sent by Amnesty to the Spanish Government in May 1984, detailing allegations of torture and ill-treatment of detainees (not all of them suspected terrorists) during 1983. Amnesty officials later discussed the issues in Madrid with senior ministers.

The Spanish Government pointed out that complaints of ill-treatment had led to legal proceedings in over 100 cases. Charges against Civil Guards have been brought in four of the 11 cases Amnesty mentions.

British bridge team's win raises expectations

From A Bridge Correspondent, Salsomaggiore, Italy

In Monday's only match, the British came into even closer contention with a courageous win against a strong German team. At the halfway stage they trailed by eight points and had to pick up more than 40 in the final 16 boards to keep up with the leaders.

Forrester and Lodge, Coyle and Silverstone had an excellent second half and picked up 45 points to win 22-8, getting even closer to the leading group. The leaders are: Israel 282, France 275, Austria 272, The Netherlands 263, Britain 261, Poland 252.

With 25 points available on each match and six matches still to play Britain could make up the difference between themselves and the second place. The British ladies continue to

disappoint. Monday's 17-23 win against Poland made no impression on the leaders and with six matches to play they must depend on points lost by those above.

Leaders after round nine are: France 167, Sweden 163, Italy 160, The Netherlands 153, Germany 149, Britain 148, Poland 133.

Yesterday they met Spain and Belgium, both in the bottom quarter of the table. The top four British players could take maximum points from the day's play.

If the British men successfully negotiate the obstacle presented by their match with Israel they should feel encouraged for their evening encounter with the Spanish team who occupy twentieth place.

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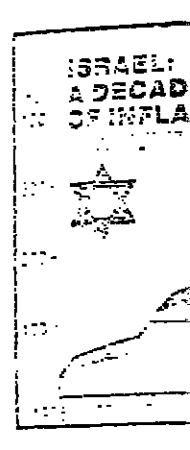
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Iraq

Million Israelis heed call to strike against economic cuts

From David Bernstein
Jerusalem

More than million Israeli workers yesterday responded to a general strike call by the Histadrut (General Federation of Labour) in protest against tough economic measures adopted by the coalition government on Monday to counter rocketing inflation.

The response was almost total, according to Histadrut officials, with workers in all 11 main industrial sectors and public services out on strike.

Radio and television were off the air, apart from brief hourly newscasts devoted almost entirely to news of the strike. Banks and post offices were closed, as were large chain stores and supermarkets in all big cities.

Meanwhile the austerity programme, which includes an 18.8 per cent devaluation of the shekel, dismissal of 3 per cent of the public sector workforce, a 12 per cent cut in real wages and a \$70 million budget cut, was approved 70-19 in the Knesset, with three abstentions.

The strike closed Ben Gurion international airport, with no flights in or out after 10am, even though 350 workers had received court orders and reported for work.

But for most Israelis the inconvenience was only slight;

September 1984	21.4
October	24.3
November	19.5
December	8.7
January 1985	5.3
February	13.9
March	12.1
April	19.4
May	8.6
June (projected)	20
July (projected)	25.1
August (projected)	13
September (projected)	3

almost all privately-owned shops, cafes and neighbourhood grocery stores were open for business.

The small, non-union bakeries ensured there was no shortage of bread, while the huge Tuva dairy marketing cooperative completed its early-morning milk deliveries before the strike officially started at dawn.

Even public transport operated normally, a deliberate concession by Histadrut to reduce unnecessary hardship to its striking members, many of whom took full advantage of the day off by thronging the beaches.

Jerusalem's trendy downtown mall was crowded as usual, with pavement cafes packed with Israelis who plainly felt they could still afford the Champs Elysee-type prices charged for the privilege of enjoying a leisurely drink while watching the crowds go by.

But despite the carnival atmosphere in many places, the strike was an effective demonstration of the Histadrut's strength.

Mr Chaim Haberfeld, head of its trade union department, gave a warning yesterday if the Government persisted in its determination to ram its economic programme down the workers' throats unilaterally, and refused to enter into meaningful negotiations, Histadrut would consider further industrial action.



A woman lashing out at a senior police officer during a demonstration in Jerusalem against the austerity measures.

Russians hit hard in valley battle

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

Fighting in a northern valley of Afghanistan has caused heavy loss of life among Soviet and Afghan troops, including that of a leading Afghan soldier, Brigadier-General Ahmaduddin, according to Western diplomats.

An estimated 450 soldiers have died during a week in which there has been a significant escalation of campaigning in the valley after the arrival early last month of 2000 Soviet reinforcements for the Afghan Army.

Sources reported that Mujahidin guerrilla attacks in the lower part of the Panjshir Valley were followed by large numbers of bodies being returned to Kabul.

Witnesses said that a Soviet aircraft, shot down near Bazarak, crashed on to a military convoy killing or injuring 40 soldiers and that 200 commandos sent by helicopters into the upper part of the valley in a "search and destroy" mission had been fired at as they parachuted to the ground resulting in many casualties.

The Mujahidin are also reported to have attacked nine joint Afghan-Soviet military posts between Rokha and Bazarak using rockets.

In Kabul it is reported that the guerrillas have begun infiltrating more fighters into the city.

Giotto rendezvous with Halley's Comet

European space probe launched

Kourou, French Guiana (AFP) - The European space probe Giotto, programmed to brush Halley's comet in search of its secrets next March, blasted off by Arian rocket here yesterday after a nine-minute delay because of weather.

It went into temporary 48-hour earth orbit 15 minutes less one second later, in what European Space Agency officials called a "complete success".

After 48 hours it was to be propelled on Thursday by its Mage 1-s engine towards the mystery comet, for an unprecedented four-hour colour "photo session" 500 km (300 miles) from the nucleus on March 13.

Halley's comet, assumed to contain aged clues to the origins of the solar system, only flashes across the Earth's "environment" 90 million kms (650 million miles) away once every 76 years, after a long loop round the sun.

The Giotto, financed by the 11 European Space Agency nations, will be one of six probes aimed at detecting its secrets next March, the other being Soviet, American and Japanese.

But it will go in closer than the others, with the risk of damage from Comet "dust" bouncing off its reinforced anti-shock frontal shield, to assess the nucleus's gases and other components in a 10-experiment programme.

Ground control here today also had high hopes of recovering the first stage of the Ariane rocket for the first time in 14 launches, 11 of them successful.

Brake and direction parachutes attached to yesterday's first stage deployed normally, officials said, as a West German vessel waited in the Atlantic 300km (200 miles) from Kourou for pick-up after it was tracked.

The European Space Agency saw itself as well-placed to face competition from the US space shuttle programme for a world satellite-launch market already estimated to be worth nearly \$500 million.

Soviet probes Vega 1 and 2, launched in December, will go to within 10,000km (6,250 miles) of Halley's Comet, and the Japanese probe Sakigake, launched on January 8, will reach seven million km (nearly one million miles) away.

The £34 million Giotto, which was assembled by British Aerospace at Bristol, weighs 2,100kg and is named after the Florentine artist who incorporated the comet as the Star of Bethlehem in his painting *Adoration of the Magi* 685 years ago.

Air-India links Tokyo bomb to crash

From Richard Ford, Delhi

"We can surmise there was a link but we do not know if it was his luggage that blew up", Captain D. Bose said. There was no doubt the Air-India jet, "Kanshika" disintegrated in mid-air and there was a distinct possibility that a bomb caused the accident.

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Pretoria think-tank denounces apartheid's failure

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Apartheid is the main cause of unrest and conflict in South Africa and must be abandoned as a failure, according to a report by a government-funded think-tank, the Human Sciences Research Council, released yesterday in Pretoria.

The product of a four-year study by more than 200 researchers and 12 committees, it is the more remarkable in that the council is predominantly staffed by conservative and/or Afrikaner academics.

It singles out legally entrenched racial separation in residential areas and schools, a judicial system biased in favour of whites, economic deprivation, the migrant labour system and lack of political rights for blacks as the main causes of anger and discontent.

The report, entitled "The South African society, realities and future prospects", says apartheid has "reached an impasse" and that "despite bona fide intentions, the goal of 'separate but equal' simply cannot be achieved".

It also publishes the results of an opinion survey among blacks which shows that 63 per cent support violence to bring about political change, compared with 40 per cent and 37 per cent respectively of Indians and Coloureds.

The report urges the Government to commit itself publicly to a timetable for change, because any further delay in taking steps to avert racial conflict would have "catastrophic consequences".

While stating clearly that the status quo cannot be maintained, the report is somewhat vague about what should be put in its place, commenting that alternatives to apartheid proposed in the past would not necessarily have succeeded any better.

It does say, however, that there must be a genuine sharing of political power between all race groups, by implication within a single political system, and that all forms of enforced racial separation must go.

The system of racial classification at birth, the very basis of apartheid, is unacceptable, it declares. Skin colour cannot be used to determine a person's legal rights and status.

South Africa's draconian security laws, "veiled in secrecy and marred by lack of control", are mainly used to stifle extra-parliamentary and non-violent opposition to the Government's racial policies, and are themselves "a threat to the security of the state".

Continued low economic growth could put more than half the black labour force out of work by the year 2000. Artificial curbs on the mobility of blacks must be lifted.

The report also says that two-thirds of blacks do not speak either Afrikaans or English, South Africa's two official languages, and that only a small percentage of other race groups speak a black African tongue. A third language, by implication African, should be given official status.

Black miners go back after company threat

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

About 20,000 black gold-miners who went on strike on Monday obeyed a management ultimatum to return to work yesterday or be fired, according to a statement issued by Gencor, the mining house involved.

A black miner was killed in riots on Monday at one of the three Gencor mines affected by the strike. Police were called in to quell the disturbances.

Discontent with a minimum monthly wage increase of between 14.1 and 19.6 per cent, introduced by the Chamber of Mines on Monday after it had been rejected by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), is thought to have been the main cause of the strike.

The NUM is not recognized at the three mines where the strikes occurred. It is to start holding strike ballots today at mines where it is recognized, and these could lead to further strikes.

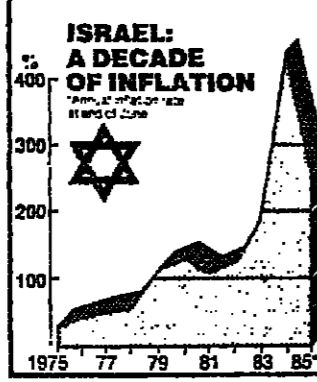
Meanwhile, a police report said that unrest in black townships, which has taken more than 400 lives in the past nine months, claimed three more yesterday. Two children were killed by a grenade on the East Rand and a man was "backed and stabbed to death" in the Eastern Cape.

Iraq hands back POWs

Ankara, (Reuters) - Iraq yesterday handed over 30 Iranian prisoners of war in Ankara in a move arranged through the Red Cross, according to Turkish Foreign Ministry officials.

The Iranian Embassy said some Iraqi prisoners would be freed "in the coming days".

Turkish officials said the Iranians were almost all injured, they were expected to fly to Iran immediately.



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Torture-chamber of the redundancy pool

Donald Cooper

Grafters Hampstead

To the long line of theatrical torture-chambers from those of the Inquisition to Sartre's infernal hotel room, Billy Hamon has added a new model - the redundancy pool.



Substitute fight: David Hayman (left), Greg Cruttwell, John Benfield, Perry Benson

material, as its essential element is a long static interval before an inevitable defeat. Mr Hamon gets around this blockage by several means, most of them arising naturally out of the circumstances.

For a start, the experience of waiting has already taken its toll on everyone's nerves, and the figures that barge through the door are all heightened in one way or another: lankier, angrier, more arrogant or more self-pitying than they would be outside the pool.

The leading stud is Steve, a James Dean freak played to the strutting narcissistic life by David Hayman. Mr Hamon uses one of his adulteries to precipitate the play's climax: rather a cheat, as it imports

private biography to resolve a social impasse. However, the characterization is true enough to stand it, and the supporting climax is hideously logical. Jane Howell's production projects braying male triumph and whining male defeat with even-handed force.

Irving Wardle

Rat in the Skull Royal Court

Like Tom and Iv before it, this production by Max Stafford-Clark has enjoyed a season at Joseph Papp's Public Theater in New York; in view of its subject-matter, the timing of its return to Sloane Square could hardly have been better.

That said, there is a problem from the audience's point of view in that all four characters, including D.S. Harris, the Met officer trying to reconstruct the incident, suffer not so much from rats in the skull (a metaphor for the gnawings of doubt) as from irony in the soul.

Without their self-conscious cynicism, of course, we would not have much of a play at all, but the script frequently errs on the side of gibberish. "How sick I am," as Nelson puts it, "of your cheap and easy rhetoric." Not that these adjectives could be used of Mr Hutchinson's lucubration, though the English officers do seem at times to be regurgitating whole lexicons of copper's cant.

Quite funny enough to dispel the impression of over-writing. If only the author had gone all out for black comedy. Brian Cox as the fire-breathing Nelson tempers his burly malevolence with the poise of a dancer, and brings a touch of the stand-up comic to his outrageous sectarian monologues.

When Sir Peter Hall took the whole project out of its wraps the McKellen-Petherbridge team appeared to be the most secretive. Others announced what they were going to do but the body to which Hall looked for "high acting style" kept quiet.

Martin Cropper

Manon Big Top, Battersea

Someone up there must want the ballet season in Battersea Park to succeed, because after a month of rain the sun came out in time to dry the grass outside the converted circus tent and make the evening mild enough for people to stroll pleasantly in the open air during the intermissions.

prices bring in a new public, well and good. The Royal Ballet has first innings, with Ballet Rambert to follow. Manon was probably a very sensible choice to open with. It is not the oldest ballet in the company's repertory, but it is perhaps the most old-fashioned, and certainly the one best tailored for people who want ballet to seem reassuringly like opera without all those tiresome singers.

look meaningfully at each other, pass money from hand to hand or whisper in a convenient ear provide opportunity for the audience to fill in the action from knowledge of one of the operas, or the programme note, or even the book (a rather remote source, that).

character cameos in minor roles to be seen on any stage today. I am thinking especially of the goings-on at Madame's very public "hotel particulier", where the caricatured make-up, the face-pulling, the gesticulations and the sheer meaningless of every gesture to be disbelieved.

John Percival

Dance in London

see each other. The memories, like those of Mrs Gerson, whose parents died in a concentration camp, were sad.

When the Feld Ballet, in a six-week home season at the Joyce Theater, offered a number of new works, beginning with Against the Sky. This is both unusual and obvious - and it skirts yet avoids banality. Its bodies move in virtually two-dimensional black cut-outs, sharply caught against a shining white half-backcloth.

John Percival

The National Theatre group run by Edward Petherbridge and Ian McKellen at last emerges from under wraps when Webster's The Duchess of Malfi opens at the Lyttelton tomorrow: interview by John Higgins

Giving actors a chance to flower

Petherbridge deliberately suppresses panache



Amidst cuts and counter-promises of support the National Theatre's grand design of dividing its actors into separate companies, each with its own identity and style, has been in danger of disappearing from view.

flamboyant acting, which may well fit the team style.

Petherbridge jibs at the word "flamboyant". "During rehearsals Philip has been careful to steer us away from the melodramatic. The style we have been wrestling with is that of speech and how you heighten it without falling into 'poetic delivery'.

The team of Petherbridge and McKellen is no new one. Back in the early Seventies they were among the founder members of the Actors' Company. Is this new operation in any way a reflection of the past?

He is self-critical, ponders over his replies, deliberately suppresses the panache that characterizes his fellow team director Ian McKellen. How do they operate together?

rehearsals for Malfi the Petherbridge briefcase was bulging with a mass of papers for another adaptation, although not this time from Laing.

Much of the Petherbridge career has been spent as a "company" man: six years with the National, starting in the Waterloo Road; another five with the Actors'; four with the RSC. This possibly is one reason why wide public recognition has come fairly late.

But when I look back over my career I reckon it's been one of continual disappointments. Doesn't every actor think that? I have never, for instance, played a really major Shakespeare role, except for Prospero at Exeter when I was far too young.

Well, we make each other laugh a lot. We are aware of the eccentricities in each other's make-up. I suppose we are a lesson to each other. Ian always looks on the bright side, I look on - perhaps - the Laing side.

Television Poignant reunion

Some 10,000 came and 17 joined Gina at the Harris House hostel under the sympathetic eye of the matron, Mrs Margaret Stone, herself an exile. Ten of the girls kept a combined diary, putting in pictures of themselves alongside their entries.

Yorkshire's First Tuesday got hold of it and the researcher Mark Galloway traced 16 of the contributors. Ten were persuaded to come to a reunion at the hostel along with the matron, now in her eighties.

Water studies and the minimalist composer Steve Reich seem in vogue with choreographers this year. Earlier in Brooklyn, John Neumeier with his Hamburg Ballet showed us a dance evocation of water and wave movement in Tristan, and Jerome Robbins has already created a ballet to Reich's exercise in musical perpetual motion, Eight Lines.

When Feld formed his original company in 1969, the first ballet he created for the new troupe was set to Brahms music. For just six dancers, it was Intermezzo, and, in a very

always been hospitable to "visiting dancers", although in honesty the title seems a change in nomenclature rather than function. Call them what you will, this season two very welcome visitors have been the Canadian ballerina Karen Kain - appearing in Adieu and also in a special revival of a charming solo, Improvisu.

Dance in the United States Cleverly skirting banality

real sense, its success set the seal on the new venture. This was revived during Feld's recent season, but it is now called Intermezzo No 1, for the good reason that Feld has since returned to the Brahms Intermezzo and created a completely new Intermezzo No 2. Surprisingly perhaps it is less technical in form than its predecessor, more relaxed and probably more confident.

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Dennis Lee St John's/Radio 3. It seems churlish to criticize a pianist for lack of involvement when he is grappling with the monstrous three-stave complexities of keyboard music written in the first 15 years of this century. But, when lacking the catalogue of the exotic, the erotic and the ecstatic that is presented by the music of Scriabin and during this period Szymanowski, the projection of raw emotional fibre counts for a great deal.

Milstein/Pludermacher Festival Hall. Marvellous. When I last heard him, Nathan Milstein seemed to be losing a little of his technical prowess, even though it was obvious that he retained that remarkable individual musical personality of his. Now he has returned to show us that his fingers and arms still have the strength and accuracy of movement to deliver something which is these days a comparative rarity: a performance that is an interpretation rather than a reproduction.

Concerts. Besides another Paganini Caprice, the marginally more sedate No 11, there was Buzet's arrangement for violin and piano of Saint-Saens's Introduction and Rondo capriccioso, here, of course, all extrovert brilliance. And then Milstein's posthumous C sharp minor Nocturne, a sentimental, con sordino realization lacking only the hiss and crackle of a hand-wound phonograph to make us believe we were in an Edwardian parlour.

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SPECTRUM

Robert Mugabe is poised for another term of office in Zimbabwe. Jan Raath reports

Clues to an African enigma

Robert Mugabe vanished from sight for a week in late May. He had gone to Switzerland for what was probably his first holiday of more than two days since he came to power in 1980.

Rested, he returned on Sunday, June 2, and stormed back into the rough and tumble of business within about three hours of landing at Harare airport on the all-night flight from Gatwick.

He has not paused since. In addition to attending to routine cabinet and government business, he has addressed more campaign meetings in the constituency he is contesting, the geometrically laid out rows of tiny homes that make up the township of Highfield in Harare, than has any other member of his party, the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front).

In between, he has electioneered intensively through the western provinces of Matabeleland, the Midlands and now parts of Mashonaland in the east.

When the counting of the votes cast today and earlier this week for the 80 black seats in the 100-seat House of Assembly is concluded, Mr Mugabe will in all certainty launch himself with equal vigour into his second term as the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe.

Five years of wrestling with Zimbabwe's post-independence problems have left little physical mark. His wide face, with the articulate mouth and high cheekbones, shows no trace of lines on the dark, glossy skin. The only concession to his 61 years are the few streaks of white, darting above the halo of grey lining his forehead.

From the fearsome and vengeful figure that was his image when he returned from running his guerrilla campaign to fight elections, a far subtler but still enigmatic personality has emerged. He has not so much changed as become slightly better known.

At political rallies he turns orator, employing a fine sense of drama. In Barbourfields Stadium in Bulawayo last month, speaking deliberately in perfectly enunciated Shona, the vernacular of the east of the country, and articulating with his delicate hands, he thus urged the 30,000-strong crowd: "To turn from the Zapu (Zimbabwe African People's Union) party of Mr Joshua Nkomo, I want the people of Matabeleland to answer these questions. Is it war or is it peace? Is it development or is it regression? Do we move forward, or do we move backwards?"

Outside visitors describe meetings where he listens and has even to be coaxed into discussion. "If you go on talking, he doesn't interrupt. There's no dominating the conversation", said an official of a private sector lobby group who sees Mr Mugabe several times a year.

The reticence is more attentiveness than awkwardness. Asked for an answer, he supplies it. Provoked, he realises decisively, with a knack for intimidating irony, as numerous opposition MPs have found to their embarrassment.

Those who know him testify that he is by no means all cold fish. "He has a twinkle that is always there," said a civil servant who has worked with him since independence. "Gentle, genteel, solicitous, sympathetic, he is all of those things."

He objects to being referred to in honorific terms. In Parliament in 1981 on the subject of his gate guards referring to him as "chief" in the



vernacular, he responded: "It embarrasses me. I would rather they called me Comrade, or Prime Minister."

His wife Sally, continually ill with kidney problems, speaks of his lack of bitterness after 10 years of being detained by the Rhodesian Government and after being refused parole from detention to go to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania to commiserate with her after the death of their only son, of cerebral malaria, in 1966.

He confesses to being withdrawn. Of the thousands of adulatory supporters at rallies, he told a television interviewer: "I find them very embarrassing. I'm rather a shy person, though I try to hide it. I never have been easy with crowds."

The claim of shyness, however, sits uncomfortably on a prime minister who travels in a bullet-proof limousine with an escort of three cars loaded with plain clothes guards, a Toyota Land Cruiser with a stick of heavily armed guards following behind and about eight motorcycles waiting as they weave in and out of the traffic pulls to the side of the road.

It is argued that this showiness is a result of persuasion by his security aides and, more likely, pressure by Mr Emmerson Mnangagwa, the minister of state for security.

Also ill fitting the image of a

compassionate Mr Mugabe is his refusal to speak to Mr Ian Smith since early 1981, and, more importantly, the continued use of detention without trial (and even after trial, despite an alibi), his apparent turning of a blind eye to atrocities in Matabeleland in 1984, and his general deep hatred for Zapu.

Mr Mugabe was pivotal in the split from Zapu, when the Zimbabwe African National Union was formed. It came after Mr Nkomo tried to negotiate with the white government, to the chagrin of a great many of his officials.

The mistrust pervaded their uneasy union when they coordinated operations in the liberation war. It came to a head in early 1982 when security forces uncovered large arms caches in Matabeleland, belonging to Zapu.

Mr Mugabe has not been able to formally link Mr Nkomo to a plot of treason which he alleged Mr Nkomo was hatching. His stock reply has always been: the courts were not in possession of the information his intelligence organization had.

Mr Nkomo's sacking from the cabinet was followed by the desertion from the national army of hundreds of ex-guerrillas of Mr Nkomo's old army, Zimpro. They turned renegade.

The solution Mugabe chose was to form a new military unit - the Fifth Brigade - which would not be undermined by pro-Zapu military men. The controversial brigade

held with Zanu on its split from Zapu in 1963.

Two years later he was detained at Whawha detention camp in Salisbury until 1975, the year he took over the leadership of Zanu from the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole. He then left for Mozambique to lead the guerrilla war against the Rhodesian Government.

In 1976 he led the Zanu delegation to Geneva for talks with Henry Kissinger and subsequently rejected his proposals. A year later he was formally elected Zanu's president. In 1979 came his successful talks at Lancaster House in London and in 1980 he became prime minister following Zanu's general election win. He was re-elected party president in 1984.

Education at the University of South Africa in 1954.

It was during his ten years in prison in Salisbury (now Harare) that he devoted himself to learning, becoming a Bachelor of Law and Master of Law from the University of London and a Bachelor of Administration from the University of South Africa.

It was not until 1960 that Mugabe entered full-time politics, when he was appointed secretary for information and publicity with the National Democratic Party. The following year he married Sally Hayfin, a Ghanaian.

When the party was banned in 1962, he became secretary general of its successor, Zapu, a position he also

constituted members of Mr Mugabe's Zanu guerrilla army.

The tactic badly dented Mr Mugabe's moral reputation, as the poorly trained, ill-officered and bored troops went on the rampage. He was described as having reverted to the type of bloodthirsty guerrilla boss.

Apologists argue that Mr Mugabe was not informed of the atrocities. (It is widely held that he is kept in the dark on numerous issues by his Cabinet). However, Mr Mugabe does appear to have a strong capacity to harden himself against the distasteful, for the single-minded achievement of his goals.

Parties to the various constitutional talks before independence have spoken of feeling near despair when confronted with the set, cold visage of a resolute Mr Mugabe. The degree of his knowledge of the horrors of Matabeleland may be somewhere between the two positions.

On the issue of socialism, Mr Mugabe is more easily understood. He has never evinced the attitudes of a tome-thumping dogmatist. In 1980, he told the *New York Times*: "To me it is absolutely repugnant, it becomes a moral question, that those resources (of the country) should be the property of a few. If that is Marxist, than let me be called Marxist."

Three years later he said in an interview with local journalists, that "There is nothing... which can be regarded as true socialism... There is not a single socialist country which has followed exactly the same path in its modalities of transforming its society into a socialist one, except in enunciating the principles and seeking the guidelines".

The absence of any nationalization, the promise in the party's election manifesto to allow the private sector to continue to thrive and the manifesto's offer of tax incentives, all point well away from the rigid experiments of Tanzania, Ethiopia and Mozambique.

He expresses a strong dislike for the music and lifestyle of Rastafarianism, both endemic among Zimbabwean black youth. Yet the puritanical leadership code, which requires party officials not only to discontinue the use of the acquisitions of plenty but also always to be clean and neatly dressed, has yet to be enforced, despite a promise that there would be a purge after the party's congress in August last year.

He has little leisure time, rising early to work in his office built on to his official residence at Zimbabwe House in Chancellor Avenue, and retiring there for much of the evening after his day's duties.

His good health and continued high energy is attributed to his non-smoking and drinking only when toasts are called for.

He enjoys speedway sports, and perplexes the pudgy-faced old school tie set in the ultra-colonial surroundings of the Harare Sports Club by watching visiting international cricket teams for hours at a stretch.

His public reticence has been complemented increasingly by the party's tendency to shield him from informal appearances, as well as from the press. He has not held a single press conference during the campaign. A party political broadcast, part of a series which will have featured the leaders of all the other parties, will be done by Dr Nathan Shamuyarira, the Minister of Information.

The enigma and myth enfolding Mr Robert Mugabe is retained, and he grows ever more remote.

A steel cathedral for the high priests of banking

When the producers of the next James Bond epic scour the world for suitable locations they should spend some time looking at the futuristic headquarters of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Hong Kong, the first stage of which was completed on Monday for business on July 30.

British architect Norman Foster, who received the royal Gold Medal for Architecture in 1983, has produced a high-tech design which owes much to the tradition established by Paxton's Crystal Palace of 1851, the Forth Railway Bridge and, not least, Fritz Lang's stage sets for *Metropolis*, updated to the 21st century.

The HK\$5 billion (£500 million) building is a meeting of the technical sophistication of the West with the sometimes inscrutable mysticism and superstition one associates with the East. The alignment of escalators in the banking hall and the temporary home of the bank's famous bronze lions, Stephen and Sitit - modelled on those in St Mark's Square, Venice - were determined under the supervision of a "fung shui" expert. They are reputed to have talismanic qualities ensuring good fortune, long life and prosperity.

The cost of the building, reputed to be the most expensive piece of architecture in the world, is only one of the impressive list of statistics emanating from the patrons of what is already being hailed as the "eighth wonder of the world".

The joint venture management contractors John Lok/Wimpey have assembled components for the prefabricated kit of parts from more than 100 sub-contractors in 80 countries around the world (there is a large British involvement of consultants and manufacturers) and erected them on the Queen's Road central site.

Sophistication mixed with mysticism

Foundation problems incurred when the four levels of basements started in November 1981 led to a four-month delay, but that was made up by the time the 34,000 tons of structural steelwork, supplied by the British Steel Corporation/Dorman Long JV, began to arrive for the main structure in January 1983.

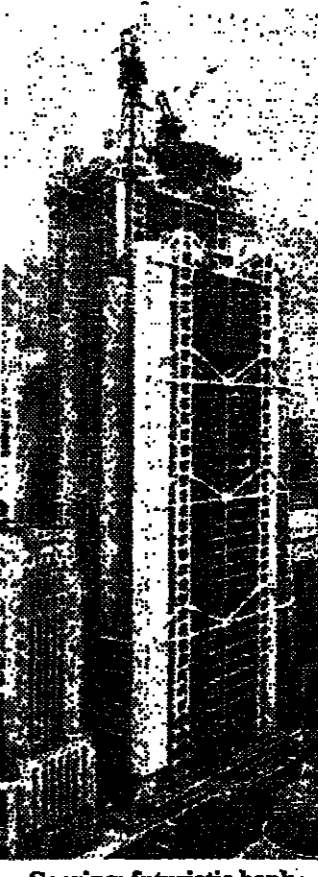
Since then the one million square foot building, five times the size of Centre Point and rising 47 storeys above ground, has proceeded at breakneck speed, with an industrious work-force. It will have gone up in less than half the time of the First Tower in London. The flat of the bank's 3,500 staff moved into the bottom 11 floors, including the 170ft-high banking hall, on Monday. Final completion of the building is scheduled for November.

Foster's design has more to do with bridge technology than conventional bricks and mortar, with the virtual elimination of wet trades on site. Eight mast towers enable spans of 100 feet to allow the maximum flexibility of floor space. Services feed in from two sides of the building, rather than a central core, with air-conditioning, electrical services and lavatories housed in 139 modules, plugged into the structure and under-floor service duct.

The modules, either 30ft or 40ft in length, came prefabricated from Japan, complete with hand-basins, toilet-roll holders and lighting.

Flexibility has been the keynote for the bank something overlooked by many British developers in the 1950s and 1960s to their cost, as they discover that the advance in communication technology has made normal speculative office blocks obsolete and due for demolition within 15 to 20 years of completion. The bank is hoping its new headquarters, the fourth since 1865, will last for 50 years.

Its engine-room is in the



Soaring: futuristic bank

basement, along with what are claimed to be the most secure vaults and safe deposit boxes in the world. Almost 600 feet above are the chairman's flat, private dining-rooms and a terrace with panoramic views overlooking Star Ferry Pier and across the water to Kowloon.

Everything is finished in battleship silver-grey aluminium - the bank staff's uniform colour - lending an air of cool sophistication. Workmanship is of the highest standard I have seen anywhere.

During the course of the fast-track contract, the architects have issued 22,000 instructions - 7,200 of them in the last months - and 40,000 original drawings, 105,000 with revisions. At its peak there were 4,500 people at work on the project.

One has come to expect a technological flamboyance in Foster's work with his Willis Faber building in Ipswich, Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia, and recent abortive design for the £100m new BBC headquarters at Langham Place, opposite Broadcasting House.

But for his sheer structural virtuosity the Hong Kong Bank is going to be a hard act to follow. Its most startling appearance is given by the masts, made up in Britain and shipped over in sections of tubular steel columns. From these are suspended steel trusses, aligned by lasers, from which the floors literally hang like a Christmas tree.

Beams of light and a sense of awe

What visitors will remember most is the spectacular banking hall atrium, rising 170ft, a dynamic space with double-story escalators shooting up through a glazed screen, their mechanics visible through lightly tinted glass panels and the glass-encased lifts which travel at 30ft per second through glass lanterns. At the tip of the atrium is a "sun-scoop" which, with the aid of mirrors, beams light downwards, creating a sense of awe one usually only experiences in the great cathedrals.

It is a fitting tribute to Foster's architecture and Hong Kong Bank's patronage that this latest "cathedral of commerce" should be completed exactly a century since the invention of the skyscraper on the other side of the world. It is also a significant vote of confidence in the future of Hong Kong and the opening up of the People's Republic. For those assuring members of the business community the cry must now be "Go east, young man".

Charles Kneivitt
Architecture Correspondent

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 686)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Absent (6), 7 Blind (4), 8 Arrogant (8), 9 Dealer (9), 13 Lair (3), 16 Vertical (13), 17 Swindler (3), 19 Omnibus (8), 24 Toy spaniel (8), 25 Liver secretion (4), 26 Small boat (6), 27 Devastate (6), 1 Fury (4), 2 French cart-horse (9), 3 Clear (5), 4 Records film (5), 5 Hop kiln (4), 6 Get rid of (5), 10 Requires (5), 11 Coat wool (5), 12 Speed counters (5), 13 Lustrous life (5,4), 14 Annoy (4), 15 Narrative poem (5), 18 Striped ruminant (5), 20 Inner Hebrides isle (5), 21 Inside (5), 22 Offstage area (4), 23 Lake (4). Solution to No 685 is also provided.

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Chekhov's lost whodunit

How was it a correspondent asked when my history of the crime story *Bloody Murder* was reissued recently, that I'd failed to mention Chekhov's crime novel, a story that anticipated the device used in Agatha Christie's *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, a trick that stunned readers in the 1920s by its ingenuity?

Most pointers of this kind, directing one to a previously unknown Elizabethan locked room mystery or a Gothic predecessor of Poe's Dupin, lead to dead ends, and I looked for the book he mentioned, *The Shooting Party*, without high expectations. But my correspondent was right. *The Shooting Party* is a true crime story, genuinely tricky and in its time wholly original.

It is an almost unknown work. The nine handsome volumes of the Oxford Chekhov do not include it, a "Critical Heritage" volume of views about Chekhov leaves it unmentioned, and it is completely ignored by biographers. The only translation into English appeared in 1926, and at times reads rather awkwardly. It is now out of print.

The book is ignored, at least in part, because it belongs to that early period in Chekhov's writing life when, in order to support his family, he was writing literally hundreds of stories and sketches.

The Shooting Party was published in 1884 when Chekhov was 24, and serializing in the *Moscow Daily News*. No doubt the urgent need of money prompted Chekhov to write it, but the book is something more than a potboiler. It owes a little to Dostoevsky and something to Poe, although a good deal more to the sensational novels of the period, from Gaboriau to Wilkie Collins and the Russian sensationalist novelists: Shklyarevsky. Chekhov took things from the writers, and added original devices of his own. The story begins with the



Crime writer: Chekhov

visit of Ivan Petrovich Kamyshiev, former examining magistrate, to Chekhov in his newspaper office. He offers for publication what he says is a true story, one in which he played a part. In his editorial capacity Chekhov is discouraging. But still he agrees to read the manuscript...

This is a prelude to Kamyshiev's own story, in which the chief characters are the magistrate himself, his hard-drinking friend Count Karneyev, and the Count's entourage, including his bailiff Urbenin. Karneyev is a vaguely well-intentioned, feebly lustful figure mostly lost among mists of vodka. He worships Kamyshiev, who tolerates Karneyev only because the Count is immensely rich. When Urbenin marries Olga, the daughter of a forester, "young, plump, jolly... a beauty", the Count soon takes her as his mistress. Olga is contemptuous of her elderly husband, finds the Count only marginally preferable, loves the magistrate. The Count has involved himself with another girl and is expected to propose marriage to her at a celebratory shooting party. After Kamyshiev has left the party Olga is stabbed, and dies - but not before she has been asked by Kamyshiev to name her attacker. She remains silent.

Footnotes are critical of the magistrate's dilatory proceedings after the crime. And Chekhov notes: It is evident Kamyshiev wanted to make Olga understand what serious consequences her declaration would have for the murderer. If the murderer was dear to her, ergo - she must remain silent."

To a modern reader the "Postscript" revealing Chekhov's deduction that Kamyshiev was himself the murderer comes as no surprise. The magistrate has written the story from the need to proclaim himself out of the ordinary, but refuses to confess publicly what he has privately admitted.

The Shooting Party is an uneven but interesting novel, in no way comparable with the great plays, but still not deserving the oblivion into which it has fallen. The curious relationship between the Count and Kamyshiev, of fawning devotion on one side and barely concealed dislike on the other, is subtly handled, and there are effective macabre touches.

But the book's chief interest obviously relates to the crime story. Chekhov's use of the narrator finally revealed as the criminal, and the way in which the footnotes are used, were altogether original. This is true even though the use of the narrator/criminal device is by modern standards unsophisticated, and cannot have influenced Agatha Christie unless she read Russian, since the English translation appeared after *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* was written. As a document in the crime story's development between Wilkie Collins and Conan Doyle, a work suggesting for the first time the technical ingenuities in deception practised by writers in the 1920s and '30s, *The Shooting Party* is of the first importance.

Julian Symons
*Bloody Murder (Penguin, £10.95).

WEDNESDAY PAGE

Fostering an old friend

Caroline Moorehead looks at a scheme which puts elderly lodgers back among families where home comforts can be shared

When Doris turned 82 this month, Mr and Mrs Cowdrey gave a small birthday tea for her. They held it in the garden, under the umbrella, on a hot afternoon. It marked only a passing change in the routine of life for Doris living with the Cowdreys and has done so for several months. Apart from breakfast, which the Cowdreys eat alone, all life is shared, centred around a cheerful and cluttered sitting room with a constant noisy budgeter. A lot of knitting is done.

The Cowdreys have taken in elderly lodgers for some years, ever since a Boarding Out Scheme was started by Hereford Social Services Department in 1980. Between long and short stays, they have had eight elderly visitors. The experiment has been so successful that the Cowdreys' neighbours in the next terrace house, have applied to become "carers" as well.

"We have a happy time together, we're accepted as a family", says Mrs Cowdrey, who used to run a residential home with her husband, and who, after their own children grew up, found herself rather alone, with too little to do.

The Cowdreys live in Ross-on-Wye, Ten miles away, in a council house by a village not far from Hereford, lives Mr and Mrs Frost. She is a former nurse, who looked after her own mother until she died at the age of 93 and who has been taking in the elderly on an informal basis for 15 years, ever since a 91-year-old man came to lodge with her and they played chess.

Their boarder is Phyllis Newey, and Mrs Frost is actually the older of the two. The two women have become such friends that Phyllis has converted what was to have been a short stay into permanent residence and they are about to go holiday together to Weston-super-Mare. Mr Frost being a man who does not care for seaside resorts. In the Frost house, the talk is all of food, the well stocked kitchen garden, home cooking and fruit tarts: will it be damson pie or treacle pudding for lunch?

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Up the road, Mrs Quirk, whose youngest daughter is about to leave home, and whose husband, a social worker, is away for three weeks at a time, finds her paying boarders company. "I just like elderly people. I like to see them take pleasure in being looked after." Mrs Jancey, her current visitor, is 85 and a farmer's widow. She is active, lively, but lonely. Mrs Quirk's bungalow, where she stays for weeks at a time, returning to her own house in between stays, has become a sometime and very pleasurable new home.

The Hereford Boarding Out Scheme is not unique in the country, but it is one of the most enthusiastically supported and well established. It began as a pilot project when a social worker, Margaret Failes, was asked to look into the possibility of finding families prepared to take in elderly boarders who needed some company, were very reluctant to go into a residential home and whose own families either could not or would not take them.

The fact that it has taken root is probably due not only to the encouragement of the Hereford General Hospital consultants, who run an exceptionally imaginative service for the 24,000 people of pensionable age in the district, but to the energy of the young social worker, Tina Hankey, who has now taken over. She attributes the success of the venture largely to the enormous care she puts into setting up the partnerships. "I visit would-be carers perhaps several times before I try and place the boarder. I try and find out what it might be like. Then I get references, from their GPs and the police. Only at that point do I start



Comfort and joy: Joyce Cowdrey (left) and Doris Reason enjoy a game of cards at home in Ross-on-Wye

looking for someone I think will actually match.

There have been very few failures. If the numbers placed are still small - only 20 at present - she feels they could rapidly be multiplied if she had assistance and more time. Interestingly, requests for the scheme come mainly from families in search of boarders, who hear of it from friends. Extrapolated on a national scale, Dr Peter Overstall, consultant at the Hereford General Hospital believes the scheme could well apply to several thousand elderly people, now alone, contemplating residential homes with anguish, or already installed in them.

If an idea with so much potential seems absurdly under used, it is important to remember the remarkably recent history of geriatric medicine. Though the term itself was coined in America at the turn of the century, it was only during the London blitz, when hospital organizers in desperate search of beds visited old long-stay hospitals and former workhouses and found them to be full of often healthy old people with nowhere to go, that the idea of caring for them in the community occurred. (It is said that the National Health Service would never have been possible without the beds freed in the early 1940s by getting the elderly back into circulation.)

Since then, slowly at first, rapidly in the last few years, geriatrics as a subject has gained professional respectability, research funds, and the attention of high

posting doctors like Dr Overstall. The first of senior registrars in a geriatric hospital in the Midlands, which in the 1970s would have drawn one or two applicants, came up recently: there were 50 candidates. In 1970 there was one chair in the subject; there are now more than a dozen.

Dr Overstall is very conscious of the scheme's limits. Of the possible clashes in temperament and the need for excellent monitoring. But he is convinced of the importance of offering every possible alternative - eventually, he hopes, from a 24-hour-a-day home help for those who do not wish to move, to more standard hospital care.

6 I like their pleasure at being looked after

He is also aware of the financial benefits of the arrangement. At present, although the figure varies nationally, a carer will get £81 a week for every elderly boarder (three is the maximum permitted under law). Residential and nursing homes cost from about £135 to £150 a week. With numbers of the elderly, and in particular those over 85 set to increase by 35 per cent between now and the end of the century, alternative provisions of every kind are, he points out, essential.

Fostering the elderly in this way, though under many different names, is increasing in a number of areas.



Isabel Frost (right) with her boarder Phyllis Newey

COUNTING ON CARE

Approximately 9.5 million - or 17.7 per cent - of the population of Great Britain are aged over 65. Two thirds are women.

Between 1981 and 2001, the total number of those aged 65 and over is set to increase by 4 per cent; of 75 and over by 28 per cent (nearly 900,000); of 85 and over by almost 80 per cent (500,000). These numbers are expected to stay constant until 2023/25 when a fresh increase will occur.

- Of those aged 65 and over:
- 34 per cent live with their children
- 11 per cent live with their children in law
- 14 per cent are in hospital
- 11 per cent are in residential accommodation
- 28 per cent are in sheltered housing

In 1983 there were 2,669 local authority nursing and residential homes in Britain, and approximately the same number of private ones, although numbers are now increasing rapidly.

Marinades to fan the flames and curry flavour

Presiding over a brazier the size of a cocoa tin was a negress of storybook splendour. Everything about her billowed, from her startlingly white lace blouse and bright print skirts to her big, beautiful smile. Mini kebabs were her business and she cooked them on a shady corner of a square in one of the world's enchanted places - Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

It was the great size of the woman and her tiny toy stove that made the picture so memorable, but the economy of her enterprise is interesting too. Wherever fuel is in short supply people cut food into small pieces so that it cooks quickly using a minimum of heat.

Contrast that frugality with the expenditure on fuel and paraphernalia that barbecuing seems to demand in this country. Somewhere along the line the idea of simplicity in alfresco cooking seems to have been lost, and with it, if we are not careful, much of its charm. I want something closer in taste and spirit to the freshly caught fish cooked over a riverbank fire than to a hellzapoppin' poolside cook-out furnished with barbecue everything from aprons to steel bands and



Shona Crawford Poole

Put the vinegar in a small pan with the wine, shallots, tarragon and chervil or parsley. Bring to the boil and cook until the liquid has reduced to about two tablespoons. Allow to cool then strain the liquid, discarding the herbs residue. Beat the liquid into the softened butter and season it well with salt and pepper. Refrigerate the butter to firm it up then form into a cylinder approximately 4cm (1 1/2 in) diameter. Wrap and chill it thoroughly. Keep chilled until needed then cut in fairly thick slices which melt when they come in contact with the hot meat.

If no herbs are available there is always garlic to fall back on or storecupboard flavours like anchovies, olives, and capers. Cholesterol watchers may prefer mayonnaise sauces to butters. The idea of accompanying meat with mayonnaise has been a successful one and it is better with barbecues. A mild mayonnaise crammed with chopped dill is superb with fish steaks or with chicken. Sage goes well with chicken too, as does tarragon.

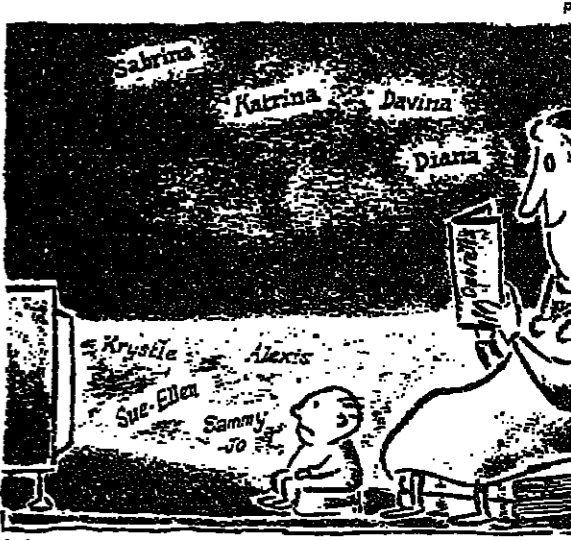
Experiment with mustard too and horseradish. Try adding quite large quantities of either to mayonnaise based sauces to serve with steaks or beef kebabs. There are very few foods which will not benefit from spending an hour or two in an appropriate marinade before being committed to the fire, and basting with the same mixture during cooking. Oil and vinegar marinade Makes 150 ml (1/2 pint) 8 tablespoons olive oil 2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar 1 clove garlic, finely chopped 2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs 1 bay leaf, crumbled Freshly ground black pepper Combine all the ingredients in a dish and mix them well. The herbs may be one variety or mixed depending on what you are going to marinate. Note that the marinade does not contain salt because it

would simply draw moisture out of meat and fish instead of helping to retain it. For this same reason do add salt to the marinade if it is to be used for vegetables. It will help to draw moisture from the vegetables and start the softening process which cooking will finish. For those who do not enjoy meat or fish, vegetable kebabs, made up of parboiled new potatoes and chunky pieces of aubergine, red pepper, courgette, mushroom and onion are one of the most popular things I cook over charcoal. Everything is marinated for a couple of hours before cooking. The trick is to cut the vegetables into pieces which all take approximately the same length of time to cook.

Any of the marinades used in Indian tandoor cooking are splendid for barbecues too. In Delhi a couple of years ago I tasted, among numerous dishes normally cooked in an enclosed tandoor and even there, as here, cooked over open charcoal, tikka panir. This consists of cubes of fresh pressed curd cheese which have been flavoured with a pungently herbed and spiced marinade - mint, coriander, garlic and ginger figured large - then grilled over charcoal. Delicious, and worth trying with firm tofu. And still on the subject of cheese, why not a summery outdoor version of raclette, the Swiss speciality of melted cheese scraped onto a plate and eaten with new potatoes? Wrap chunks of cheese in double layers of vine leaves and cook over the charcoal until melted.

Name that child with a symbol of style

Lucille le Sueur's Hollywood studio thought that the future of their young actress was limited with a name like that. So they held a competition to find a better one. The winning name was Joan Crawford. Lucille le Sueur was not pleased. She thought it sounded unappealingly like "crawfish". She was renamed anyway, and stardom quickly followed.



Today the name Joan Crawford seems rather dated. It is still obvious why the alteration of Marilyn Monroe sounds better than Norma Jean Baker, and why Rudolph Valentino is a more suitable name for a heart-throb than Rudolph Guglielmi. Anyone with a name like Archibald Leech also needed to escape from it, as Cary Grant wisely did. However, Lucille le Sueur has a rather exotic, sexy sound to 1980s ears, qualities totally absent from Joan Crawford, which brings to mind a prim, uniformed governess eating shortbread.

First names, too, suffer their ups and downs, just as hemlines and haircuts do. A name like Ethel was well up in the name charts in the last century, helped by fictional characters in Thackeray's 'The Newcomers' and C. M. Yonge's 'The Daisy Chain', both best-selling novels published in the 1830s, but today, the cries in school playgrounds are more likely to be for Lizzie, Kate or Sarah.

Heroes of love and war, whether fact, fiction or a mixture of the two, are the secular stars who have caught the imagination in the past. Alexander, for example, has everything in its favour. The Greek name means "man of defender and protector". It was an honorific title for the hero of Greek mythology Paris. Alexander the Great conquered most of Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Babylon and Persia in just four years during his twenties. In addition there was the enormously rich and powerful Pope Alexander VI. Any parents would be proud if that combination of talents developed in their son.

Who are the secular stars now? Whom do parents admire enough to hope their fine

Prince and Princess of Wales were following in very regal footsteps when they announced that their second son would be known as Harry, for all eight English King Henrys have been so nicknamed.

The mega-stars of Christianity have been constant inspirations to name-choosing parents, particularly among Roman Catholics for whom it was common until recently to include the name of one canonized saint for a christening ceremony. For Christian girls, the name of Jesus's mother, Mary, has remained a top favourite throughout Europe for centuries.

However, in Latin countries, Mary was sometimes felt to be too sacred to be employed directly. The solution was to give a daughter one of the Virgin's other names, such as Dolores, or Consuela. For boys, Christians have usually considered Jesus too sacred and chosen the next best thing, John the Baptist, or the name of one of the disciples. Indeed, since the 17th century John has been the most popular choice for British boys.

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heroes can mysteriously arrive in their child merely by the giving of a name? A generation ago, Winston enjoyed a flutter of popularity. Margaret has not reached the top ten names logged in The Times last year, but Mrs Thatcher may be relieved to learn that Neil was not among them either.

Popular music inspired a crop of Elvises, born in the 1950s to rock 'n' roll mothers and fathers. They were followed by Johns and Pauls whose parents twisted and shouted to the beat of the Liverpool lads.

For most people, today's heroes are found on the silver screen and at pop concerts rather than on the battlefields of politics or war. The suave Clark and the beautiful Vivian have been honoured by romantic filmmakers, sometimes obliquely by using the names of their most famous roles. Rhett and Scarlett. When Grace Kelly turned from actress into fairy-tale princess, many parental imaginations must have dwelt on the possibilities for a little daughter if she were named Grace. However, Diana, the latest fairy-tale princess, and a British one at that, seems to have boosted the names of her two sons more than her own.

Today a Michael is also less likely to refer to the biblical archangel than to Michael Jackson, whose fame and status is such that his portrait is to be on a postage stamp for the Virgin Islands. Indeed such are the ups and downs of name fashions that, if I were Lucille le Sueur's studio director today, I should consider her name a distinct advantage.

Louise Nicholson

The Baby Name Book by Louise Nicholson is published by Thorsons tomorrow, £4.99.

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In for a pelting

Here's a tale to set fur flying among the animal rights activists who permeate the Labour Party. The British Fur Trade Association has appointed as its parliamentary consultant - on a retainer of £4,000 a year - a Labour frontbench spokesman, Gwyneth Dunwoody. The BFTA is the representative body of UK fur traders, and its members deal in both farm-reared and trapped animals. Greenpeace director Mark Glover said yesterday that he was shocked that any MP, least of all a woman, could accept such a position. The BFTA, he said, "attempts to legitimize a gory, inhumane and bloody business by promoting it as a luxurious, glamorous and glossy industry".

Scratched

Don't expect the people of Dubai to share in the delight of the ruling family's success on the turf. Prince Shaikh Mohammed and his brothers' horses, Oh So Sharp, Shadood and Al Bahathi, have this season won the 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas and the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Of this, back in the Gulf, not a word: newspapers have been instructed to make no mention of the wins since the fundamentalist Islamic revolution has already led to the outlawing of horse racing in Iran and Pakistan.

Other business

It goes down well with constituents if an MP can bring of meeting the Prime Minister. Hence, Geoffrey Dickens told readers of the *Rochdale Observer* last Friday how North West Conservative MPs had entertained Mrs Thatcher to dinner two days previously. "Mrs Thatcher was in good form," records Dickens. "I took the opportunity to brief her on the regional importance of the North West in general and my constituency in particular." Unfortunately for Dickens, Mrs T was not at the dinner. Some 40 MPs turned up to discover that no one had confirmed the arrangement with Downing Street and that she was otherwise engaged. "Er... it was a different meeting," stammered Dickens yesterday. He had to get his copy to the paper by Wednesday.

Pulling apart

Not all the nation's teachers are going to have to settle for the government's 5 per cent pay offer. Masters at Eton College, where pupil-teacher ratios and school book shortages are less than a major headache, have just been awarded an 11 per cent rise. "It is part of a major review of pay. We felt teachers were falling behind other professions," said headmaster Eric Anderson. I am told such a healthy award is not at all unusual at public schools this year.

BARRY FANTONI



"That should put an end to Neville's complaint that his pork pie is about to go off"

Nudes flash

If you have a vague picture in your mind of the head of the chairman of the Freedom Association, Norris McWhirter, atop the body of a naked woman, let me explain why. Earlier this year the *Spitting Image* programme flashed this picture on to the nation's television screens for 12.4 seconds. Unfortunately for the programme's makers - and for the IBA director general John Whitney - McWhirter's nephew spotted it on the frame-freezing facility of his video recorder, and at Horseferry Road magistrates court yesterday McWhirter was granted a summons against Whitney for breach of statutory duty in failing to prevent it. And why did *Spitting Image* pick on McWhirter in the first place? Because last year he had complained to Whitney about another subliminal flash on the programme - advertising the sexual prowess of its makers.

Mann handled

It's a tough life being a councillor nowadays. Even journalists attack you - as Thomas Mann, black SDP member of Brent's education committee, has discovered. On Monday night the committee was discussing whether to sack a white headmistress appointed over the heads of ethnic minority candidates. During an adjournment Mann objected to "racist" remarks from a black freelance journalist from *West Indian World*, Kuba Assegai, whereupon the 6ft 6in Assegai punched Mann, pinned him against a wall, and told him "if you vote with the white racist Tories I will kill you". The meeting was abandoned in the ensuing chaos. An apologetic Assegai told me yesterday: "I told him in Mozambique we used to kill the Tories like you. But I didn't mean to hit him. I was just in a state of total fury".

Into battle against the Bar

Alastair Brett urges solicitors to renew the campaign for all-round legal reform - and again be back in public favour

Today, the "junior branch" of the legal profession, 44,000 solicitors from England and Wales, will hold their AGM in the hallowed precincts of the Law Society in Chancery Lane.

The year has not been a happy one for solicitors. The government is threatening to extend the provisions in the Administration of Justice Bill which do away with the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly and allow banks and building society to do conveyancing for their customers. The Attorney General rebuffed the Law Society last summer and refused to extend the rights of audience currently enjoyed by solicitors when the new Crown prosecution system comes into effect next year.

Finally, Coopers and Lybrand Associates, the management consultants commissioned by the Law Society to examine its functions, have firmly recommended that the Society should "take the initiative in proposing the transfer of its complaints handling and discipline functions to a new independent body, a Solicitors' Complaints Board". This is because, according to Coopers & Lybrand, the public is concerned about whether their complaints receive a fair hearing from the Law Society, which among other things is responsible for promoting solicitors' interests.

Barristers have direct access to the Cabinet through the Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General, and a third of the Cabinet is composed of former barristers, including the Prime Minister. In comparison the Law Society seems to have little political clout, destined to fight rearward after rearward action against the National Consumer Council, the government and even on occasion the Master of the Rolls, a high court judge and former barrister who is in overall charge of the solicitors' profession.

There is no need for solicitors to hang their heads in shame, however, or to continue the "junior" mentality. About four years ago the Bar

carried out a study to determine whether the proportion of first-class law graduates seeking to become barristers had fallen. The report concluded that "there has been a marked change in recent years as to the proportion of Oxbridge law graduates with first class degrees coming to the Bar as opposed to becoming solicitors".

The Bar's annual statement on the quality of entrants to the profession is now noticeably silent on whether the best legal brains of the country are becoming barristers or solicitors. In fact, City firms of solicitors make a habit of headhunting the best law graduates each year, offering well paid Articles (legal apprenticeships in a solicitors' office) which the Bar, weighed down by its patrician practices, cannot begin to match.

Indeed, only the wealthy or lucky can still afford to become barristers because of the elitist and Dickensian custom that pupils earn nothing in their first six months of apprenticeship and only a very little in their next six months. The net effect of this penny-pinching attitude towards pupil barristers and "squatters" (young barristers who have completed their apprenticeship but are unable to find a permanent desk in chambers) is to cause the best legal brains to become solicitors.

In spite of that, and in spite of their numbers, compared with the tiny but immensely powerful Bar (5,203 practising barristers), solicitors have only limited rights of audience in the higher courts and cannot become high court judges. Indeed all senior judicial posts in the country, including the Lord Chancellor, the Attorney General, and even the Solicitor General, are filled by former barristers.

While the Law Society's disciplinary role and the solicitors' convey-

ancing monopoly come under attack from all sides, shortly to disappear, the Bar's equivalent privileges, monopolies and even malpractices, have somehow avoided public scrutiny. And it is many of those customs and practices, such as the rule that a solicitor or his representative must accompany a client to see a barrister and that a barrister should not make a habit of going to see a solicitor in his office even though this may be more convenient, which puts the cost of civil litigation out of so many people's reach.

Last year the Law Society fired what looked like an opening salvo in an all-out attack on the Bar's remaining monopoly - advocacy in the higher courts and an exclusive right to all senior judicial posts. In a statement the Society quoted the Prime Minister as saying that she hoped her government "would be seen as the one which tackled the monopolies in the profession". The Society went on to quote the Director General of Fair Trading, who had recently indicated that the Bar's remaining monopolies were difficult to justify in the public interest.

The reaction from the Bar was electrifying. An extraordinary general meeting was called at which the Attorney General was present, and a suitably patronizing statement was hastily put together. Thereafter the Law Society seems to have lost its nerve. Instead of taking its case out into the country it seems to have retreated into its shell, worried, perhaps, that too much pressure on the Bar would antagonize the Prime Minister and Cabinet just when the government was considering whether or not to extend conveyancing rights.

More than 12 years ago Justice, the British section of the International Commission of Jurists, produced a report which recommended that solicitors should be eligible for promotion to the high court bench and that academic lawyers should be eligible for appointments in the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords. The report went on to recommend that judges over 65 should have regular medical and psychological examinations to detect defects such as deafness, arteriosclerosis and pronounced or prejudiced views brought on by old age.

It also recommended that there should be a complaints tribunal or judicial commission to investigate complaints about the behaviour of judges. But like all radical proposals designed to open up the judiciary to a wider cross-section of the legal profession, and erode the Bar's privileged position, nothing more has been heard of the report and little or nothing has been done to implement any of its recommendations.

Coopers and Lybrand have now thrown down the gauntlet and challenged the Law Society to "take the initiative" in reforming itself and setting up an independent solicitors' complaints board similar to the General Medical Council. If the Society takes up that challenge and drops its opposition to conveyancing by building societies and banks, subject to stringent safeguards, then it may be able to consider a variety of sensible and far-reaching reforms such as those in the Justice report and those currently being promoted by the Bar Reform Group.

By a determined and concerted attack on the Bar's remaining restrictive practices, the Law Society may actually begin to be seen as the champion of the people, as opposed to the defender of solicitors' interests.

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Peter Kellner
Turning vice into a Tory virtue

Avid readers of the *Sun* may skip the next few sentences; for the rest, here is the story so far. On Tuesday of last week the *Sun* printed on its front page a gripping story headlined "Prostitute Christine is a Tory Councillor". The *Sun's* account was detailed and plausible. It described an encounter between a reporter and Mrs Christine Pearson - "when our reporter revealed his identity, the councillor fled from the room" - and quoted her as saying: "I've been doing it for about five years".

Before we come to the significance of this curious tale, two points should be made. First, since that original story, Mrs Pearson has been fired from her job as a councillor.

Secondly Mrs Pearson is not the first person to resign from Thanet District Council recently in strange circumstances. One was jailed for fraud; another transgressed the bounds of acceptable Margate behaviour when he arranged for a friend to pose as an Arab sheikh at the ferry terminal to persuade investors to put their money into the resort.

While fraud and deception are manifestly unacceptable behaviour among politicians - not unusual, perhaps, but nevertheless unacceptable - I can see no coherent argument for terminating a Conservative councillor's political career on the grounds that she has been accused of selling sex.

Consider the matter within the context of Mrs Thatcher's ideology. She sees the growth in jobs coming from small business services rather than the manufacturing sector. She believes that price levels should respond flexibly to supply and demand. She looks benignly on those activities which reach the reach of trade union bargaining.

Nigel Lawson has gone further. In last year's budget he reduced capital allowances on new investment. His aim is to tilt taxation policy towards the more labour-intensive occupations.

I defy anyone to name an occupation that applies Thatcherite principles more completely than prostitution. It is, surely, the ultimate form of flexible, non-unionized, labour-intensive small business. No practitioner need fear a shop steward's demands for better pay and conditions, or devote precious hours closeted with an accountant discussing whether to buy or lease a new piece of capital equipment. And if it's fiscal neutrality that you are after, you need look no further than a brothel to observe it in practice.

The relevance of this curious tale to the Government's ideology goes further. Laissez-faire economic theory is based on the belief - sometimes obsession - that if buyer and seller are both happy with a transaction, then the state has no business interfering with it.

Discreet prostitution is one of the few economic activities to which this belief actually applies. It seldom works with any large manufacturing company. Typically it will do many things that affect people other than those with whom it trades: its employees may clog up nearby roads driving to and from work; its factories may pollute the water and the air; its products may be smelly or noisy or in some other way offensive to the neighbours of those who buy them.

In the real world of modern industrialized society, as opposed to the simple textbook paradigm, almost every substantial economic activity reaches into the lives of people other than the buyer and seller at each stage in the process. This, fundamentally, is why laissez-faire economics is deeply flawed: governments and local councils have an inevitable responsibility for regulating business behaviour on behalf of its potential, unwitting victims.

Discreetly organized prostitution is different. Its essence is its privacy, its aim to avoid any repercussions for anyone other than the parties to each transaction. That curse of laissez-faire economic theory - the persistent attendance of externalities - is wholly missing. If Thatcherism is to be celebrated anywhere, it should be in a hundred red light districts and behind a thousand suburban lace curtains.

If doubts remain about the relevance of contemporary Conservatism to the oldest profession, try applying to it the canons of socialism or the principles of the Liberal/SDP Alliance. Presumably any self-respecting Clause IV socialist would wish to nationalize prostitution. The consequences - standard municipal pleasure houses, unresponsive bureaucrats administering a waiting list, and an over-regulated price system - do not bear thinking about. From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs? No, old-style socialism has no relevance here.

Any attempt to apply the fundamental tenets of David Owen's, political creed runs into even greater difficulties. I can just about imagine a "tough and tender" message, although I would rather not. But how on earth would a "social market" brothel operate?

The conclusion is inescapable. Whether the *Sun* story is right or wrong, Mrs Pearson has been accused of nothing more than the application of the purest form of Thatcherite economics. I hope she stands in the by-election she has precipitated; and I hope all true Tories support her.

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Richard Owen on the likely implications of Gromyko's elevation

Comrade president - and partner

Moscow
When Andrei Gromyko was appointed Soviet foreign minister in 1977 Khrushchev had just survived a coup by the "anti-party group", the Sputnik was about to be launched, and in America an actor named Ronald Reagan was starring in a film called *Hillary of the Navy*. Yesterday, nearly three decades and several superpower leaders later, the eternal survivor of Soviet politics moved gracefully out of the Gothic foreign ministry on the Moscow River and into the office of the head of state, traditionally a purely ceremonial post unless combined with that of party leader.

"Do not be alarmed, gentlemen," a Soviet official said smoothly as diplomats and journalists crowded the unusually animated corridors of the Supreme Soviet, inside the Kremlin. "Foreign policy in our country is made collectively, and will continue as before. But will it? Sooner or later, as Mikhail Gorbachev gets a grip on foreign issues and his new, relatively unknown foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, finds his feet, there is bound to be a sea change in Soviet policy - not this week, not even this year perhaps, but eventually, Gorbachev's collective leadership is now in his own image - a change consolidated by the ousting of his rival, Romanov. He has also hinted at changes further down in the hierarchy.

The week after next Gromyko will be 76, and he looks increasingly tired. When he shook hands with guests at last week's celebrations marking the foundation of the United Nations he seemed to many to be saying goodbye. On the other hand, no man who has been active on the world stage since 1943, when he became ambassador to Washington during the Roosevelt presidency, is going to take a back seat. Being president involves a certain amount of ceremonial visits to collective farms and pinning medals on cosmonauts, but President Gromyko will keep a



high profile on the international scene. More importantly, he will - as Gorbachev hinted when nominating him - continue to shape foreign policy to a large extent.

"I am not interested in my personality. I am only an executor," Gromyko used to say slyly. "The Politburo tells me what to do". But in the prolonged transition period which followed the death of Brezhnev three years ago, and lasted until Gorbachev's election this March, Gromyko not only carried out policy on East-West issues and world affairs, he was also its architect. Even now he is at the youthful Gorbachev's side, and was instrumental in ensuring the Gorbachev succession after Chernenko's death, introducing him with the memorable remark: "He has a nice smile, comrades. But look at his iron teeth".

It was Gromyko who steered Russia back to the arms talks in Geneva while keeping up a fierce barrage of anti-Reagan propaganda, a dual approach which the Gorbachev leadership has continued. The Kremlin line on the US "Star Wars" programme remains that put forward by Gorbachev in a speech at Dnepropetrovsk last week: "Washington refuses to abandon it, Moscow will 'review the situation' - a thinly veiled threat of yet another walkout. Gromyko supports

that, as does Georgy Arbatov, head of the USA Institute, who was in the Supreme Soviet chamber yesterday and wrote in *Pravda* this week that the Geneva talks could become "a casualty of Star Wars".

One possibility being canvassed in Moscow yesterday was that both Gromyko and Gorbachev might go to the expected summit with President Reagan, with Gorbachev - who after all wields the real power in Russia - holding substantial talks with Reagan and Gromyko meeting him on a more formal basis, president to president.

It is possible that Gorbachev will overcome this protocol problem by taking over the premiership from 80-year-old Nikolai Tikhonov. Already, in separating the posts of president and party leader, Gorbachev has reverted to the practice of Khrushchev's time: it would be entirely logical to be both party leader and premier, as Khrushchev was.

It is also possible, as he indicated yesterday, that Gorbachev will concentrate on domestic matters, including the redrafting of the five-year plan, the new party programme and an overhaul of industry, leaving Shevardnadze to learn the ropes in Gromyko's shadow. But as one Moscow intellectual put it: "In Russia, a leader is a leader in all things". The essence of Soviet policy on arms control and relations with the West remains the same. In the long run, however, which in the circumstances may not be all that long, Gorbachev will want his own hand on the tiller.

Moving Gromyko to the presidency as a reward for long and valuable service, with the implied promise of continued influence in the world on Russia's behalf, is a deft and astute piece of manoeuvring by Gorbachev after only three months in power. It could be that in time Gromyko will settle for the respect and status the presidency entails in the Soviet system without the power which he holds now.

Thumping the tub for Eureka

Paris
One of the more positive results of an otherwise disappointing European summit in Milan was the unanimous blessing given by all 12 members of the newly enlarged Community to the French Eureka initiative for a technological Europe.

Even before this official consecration had been given, "Eureka projects" were being announced with great fanfare, including one involving Western Europe's four largest electronics companies - GEC of Britain, Philips of Holland, Siemens of West Germany, and Thomson of France.

For the moment Eureka does not really exist. It has no money; the areas which it may eventually cover have not yet been defined; it has no formal members. It is still no more than an idea, but a particularly potent idea which has created a political and industrial momentum beyond the expectations of even its own inventor.

The 12 EEC members have now agreed to hold a conference in Paris within the next fortnight to try to give some kind of definition and structure to Eureka. M Etienne Davignon, former vice-president of the European Commission in charge of industrial affairs, is being spoken of as a possible coordinator for the project.

Eureka has come a long way since it started life 10 weeks ago as not much more than an Archimedes-inspired acronym for a proposed European research co-ordination agency. It was widely seen as a French counter-proposal to the Strategic Defence Initiative - "Star Wars" - despite the French insistence that it would be concerned with purely civil European-based research.

France had previously made clear its distaste for SDI, which it saw not only as a potential threat to its policy of nuclear deterrence but also as a trigger for a damaging new "brain drain" of top European scientists to the US and as a springboard for a US leap forward on the technological front.

Long suspicious of American motives, France became convinced that European interests did not enter into US thinking on SDI and that the only reason for American offers of co-operation was to gain the political support of its allies.

At one point the French feared this was a British ruse to bury the project in bureaucratic red tape but they are now apparently moving to accepting some such idea, though they still want everything to be left as flexible as possible. That is one reason why France intends to resist the European Commission's attempts to bring Eureka under its own auspices.

Furthermore France wants the project to reach out beyond the confines of the EEC, and indeed has already received a favourable response from Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Austria, as well as from all 12 Community countries. President Mitterrand said the other day: "Each country will not have to

decide whether or not to participate in Eureka, but whether to participate in such and such a precise programme".

What began as an apparent weakness has turned out to be one of Eureka's strengths. Its very vagueness has enabled it to evolve more easily into something acceptable and indeed attractive to all. The accent, as Britain wished, will be on the development and exploitation of research for commercial use rather than on pure research.

It is clear that SDI and Eureka are not mutually exclusive and that there could be substantial overlap in some areas, such as laser technology; furthermore, the French themselves now admit that Eureka, although a predominantly civil project, could also have a military application, though not necessarily of a "Star Wars" nature.

One vital aspect so far barely touched upon is funding. In these lean times, most European governments would be reluctant to put money into Eureka. Instead, there is talk of financing by individual companies; however, those companies which have expressed an interest have made it clear that their participation would be contingent on public financing.

Many hurdles will have to be cleared before Eureka gets going. However, it has already achieved much in raising the consciousness of industrial groups, governments and even the public about the urgent need for Europe to take up the technological challenge presented by Japan and the US.

moreover... Miles Kingston
All cock and Robin

Some new books about assassinations:
The Assassination Business by Dr Aaron Schneider (*Spitfire Press*, £9.50).

Dr Schneider is a psychiatrist working in publishing who is amazed by our obsession with violent death, and the money to be made out of it. He points out that more books were written about the day of President Kennedy's death than about the whole of his lifetime. If bookshops were honest, he says, they would have a section devoted to Assassination along with Travel, Fiction and Humour.

His thesis is that we are more interested in mystery deaths than real killings. We would far rather read about the supposed murder of a Pope or the mysterious end of Miss Hilda Murrell than about the fully witnessed assassination of Sadat or Mrs Gandhi. He now reckons that it takes less than a year from the natural death of a famous person to the appearance of a book suggesting that he was murdered. In the case of Claus von Bulow, he points out, it is not even necessary for the supposed victim to be dead. Dr Schneider is currently at work on a book about the mysterious end of Elvis Presley.

Who Killed Chernenko? by Edward Spitel (*Ilumidore Press*, £9.95). Did the late Russian leader die of natural causes or was his death deliberately inflicted? Edward Spitel believes that although Chernenko was a sick man, his death was brought on by his colleagues in the Kremlin, ambitious to remove him from the succession. But how could such a prominent man be murdered while in full view of the public?

"By being made the Russian leader," says Spitel, an American who has been to Moscow for a weekend. "His colleagues believed that his constitution could never withstand the pressures of the top job in Russia, so they deliberately appointed him leader in the belief that he would be dead within the year. They were right. I have uncovered many inconsistencies in his last days which are explained only by my theory."

Who Killed Fidel Castro? by Terence Semaphore (*Washington Press*, £10.50). Mr Semaphore's startling theory is that Castro was assassinated on July 7, 1967, by a karate kick from a disaffected Cuban baller dancer, into which he goes in tremendous detail. This assassination, he claims, explains why Castro's behaviour has been so quiet and subdued ever since and why the Americans, in the know, no longer treat him as Enemy Number One.

In that case, his critics ask, who is the man in charge of Cuba today? Mr Semaphore believes that it is Fulmando Castro, Fidel's little-known brother, who has been groomed to masquerade as the late leader in order to keep Cuba pacified. Unless, Mr Semaphore adds mysteriously, Edmundo has also been assassinated since then and the present leader is an even less known brother. In his own words: "In this game, people will believe most anything you tell them."

Who is Killing Our Leaders? by Erich von Bernuda (*Dental Floss Press*, £15). The author's amazing theory is that all the recent assassinations of world leaders, and indeed all those that have failed such as the attempts on Mrs Thatcher, the Pope and Mr Reagan, are being planned by visitors from outer space. He refuses to name them, as he says he is on good talking terms with them and does not want to sour the relationship. He uses his theory also to explain the mysterious Nazca lines in Peru, several recent air crashes and the unusually high death rate in Britain, though his reasoning is difficult to follow at times.

Why Did I Do It? by Arthur Koestler (*Oupa Press*, £14.50). The Oupa Press specializes in posthumous books by famous people - Conan Doyle and Houdini are two of their current authors - and this is the latest book by the late Arthur Koestler, in which he explains his own suicide in some detail. The fact that the style of the book is unlike Koestler's - indeed, very reminiscent of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - is explained by the publishers by the fact that it was dictated, not written. Probably by Conan Doyle, they think, who is much more used to this sort of thing.

Who Killed Winston Churchill? by Ted Lantern (*Cuspidor Press*, £12). For many years there has been speculation that the death of General Sikorski, the Polish hero who died in a wartime air crash, was personally ordered by Winston Churchill despite the lack of evidence. Now Ted Lantern has come up with the shattering theory that it may have happened the other way round, and that Churchill's death was engineered by the general.

His theory is that Sikorski did in fact survive the crash and then went underground, fearful that another attempt might be made on his life. After the war he took another identity and made it his ambition to have revenge on Churchill, which he finally did in the 1960s. When Churchill was very old, says Lantern, Sikorski smuggled a note to him saying "We want you to come back and lead the Tory Party". The very idea gave Winston a fatal heart attack, Lantern admits he has no evidence but argues that the book can always be read as a rattling good yarn.

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KREMLIN CHANGES

Changes this week in the Soviet leadership show that Mr Gorbachov is firmly in control. Even more striking, however, is the further demonstration of the arbitrary nature of Soviet power.

The Soviet Constitution states that "all power belongs to the people", but rather more honestly acknowledges also that the Communist Party is the "leading and guiding force of Soviet society".

After more than a decade as party leader, Stalin became Premier also. Khrushchev added the premiership only five years after he became party leader.

PRIVATE VENTURES

The charm of the Channel Tunnel Group's brochure, out yesterday, lies only marginally in the lustre of its chairman, Sir Nicholas Henderson, or its promise of quick journeys to Paris and Brussels.

It is in this context of authoritarianism modified by horserading and deliberate rumour-mongering that the latest changes make sense. Mr Romanov was the main rival for the succession.

Government cannot merely hold the ring, to be sure. Any such transport project in Kent would have consequences for development in the county and these will require a regional strategy which the government, witness its uncertainty over the London green belt, is desperate to duck.

Future of universities

From Dr K. D. Glazebrook Sir, I was intrigued to hear of Professor Kurti's (June 24) course featuring lecturers who had taken a first degree in physics but who had later embarked on careers in other areas.

has it, by proposing the elderly, nondescript Mr Grishin instead. So now Mr Romanov is out of the Politburo and secretariat; officially he is resigning on the grounds of ill-health, unofficially, because he broke some of Catherine the Great's dinner plates at a wild wedding celebration and because he is too fond of hard drinking and young women.

If, in reaction to the aims and methods of the terrorist, a free society can be persuaded to adopt totalitarian practice at any point, the terrorist has won at least half his victory.

While, therefore, no one would wish to hamper the security staff at our airports in the discharge of their laborious and necessary task, frustrating the examiner and the examined alike, paid for by the traveller and taxpayer and even then unlikely to deter the skilled and determined terrorist, the announcement on Monday that a chief inspector at Heathrow had prescribed jokes, followed by the news report (July 2) that two individuals, one a diplomat, had been fined £1,500 and £150, respectively at Aberdeen and Uxbridge for making jocular remarks while passing through security, is a cause of considerable concern and dismay.

This raises many questions, the most important of which would doubtless be explored on the floor of the House of Commons, but until the situation is clarified would it not be appropriate if this matter was handled with a little more of that tact, common sense and good humour for which this island, and its security forces are renowned.

Evil in the air

From Mr D. B. Gurrey Sir, Mr Maurice Smelt's solution (June 28) to hijacking (putting the aircraft's radio out of commission) at first sounds attractive, but the terrorist has a simple answer to it.

Perhaps Mr Smelt will tell us how he would respond to such a threat. A refusal to accede sounds noble, but would surely crumble as the pile of bodies grows.

Turn to Catholicism From the Reverend Dr Perry Butler Sir, Mr Ledwich (June 29) may be right to point to the discomfort felt by many Catholics in the Church of England at the present time. Too much effort is expended in fighting for things we feel in our hearts we ought to be able to do for granted.

But consider another tunnel, also in the City. Unused tubes in the warren beneath the capital's streets could be utilized to connect the terminus of the Docklands light railway with the Bank - part, possibly, of the regeneration of districts within Docklands outposts of the City. Such a project could be highly remunerative, not least to the developers of property in East London; it could fail. Let First Boston Real Estate and Financiere Credit Suisse promote investment along the lines they are hinting at and demonstrate again that works of infrastructure can be privately effected.

speakers whose first degree was in chemistry, but who later gave themselves to such (apparently) unrelated fields as law, politics and monetarist economics. I can provide the name of a lady who, given sufficient notice, could prove an admirable participant in such a course. It would be fascinating to hear her articulate the understandability of adopting a strictly utilitarian view of higher education.

No joking matter on bomb hoaxes

From Mr Ian Lloyd, MP for Havant (Conservative) Sir, The exact relationship between a sense of balance, a sense of humour and the national liberties of our society is too complex a subject to be explored in this letter, but it must be apparent to those who study these questions that one of the main aims of terrorism is the destruction of that sense of balance within a free society which sustains liberty and the rule of law.

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Value of polytechnics From the Principal of Wakefield District College Sir, As Principal of one of the few colleges which received favourable mention in the recent Audit Commission report on waste in further education, can I offer a word of caution when applying business criteria to colleges.

Homes for the asking

From Mr D. H. Hoyle Sir, Your leader of June 12 demonstrates the desperate and totally unnecessary plight of those searching for rented accommodation.

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Axing the Civil Service

From the Secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions Sir, Mr David West's article, "Take the axe out of storage" (June 26), can only be regarded as a sick joke. In a service that has been reduced by 133,249 since 1979 - or around one job in every five - his comments will do little to encourage the service.

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Changing responses in Nato strategy

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Victorian values From Mr W. A. Goldspink Sir, On a recent visit to Liverpool I saw the following inscription on the Victoria Building of the university: "University College for Advancement of Learning and Ennoblement of Life"

Beating off bees

From Dr A. H. Morley Sir, When I was in Tabora, Tanganyika, in the 1930s cricket matches were often interrupted by swarms of wild bees disturbed by bush fires in the dry season.

Ugandan comparisons

From Dr Al. Louise Piroquet Sir, The Times of June 20 reports Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, saying of the present period in Uganda: "to compare it unfavourably with the Idi Amin period is unreasonable."

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'Second hearing' on Adams verdict

From Mr Roger Gray, QC Sir, Easing the Passing: The Trial of Dr John Bodkin Adams (Spectrum, June 11) raises the question of whether the book should have been written at all.

It is quite true, as Lord Devlin points out, that the verdict of "not guilty" does not usually mean that the accused had established his innocence. But under English law there is a continuing presumption of innocence and the man and his family have been entitled to rest on that verdict.

Up to now, the judge has not been expected to conduct a sort of literary second hearing almost immediately after the former accused's death.

Bond-washing rules From Mr Theodore Wallace Sir, In a lucid article on June 19, Mr Frederick Bleasdale has outlined some of the consequences of the Government's decision at the behest of the Inland Revenue to charge accrued interest on Government and other securities to income tax.

THE FINAL VISION

Kingsdoms, principalities, and powers far down below will be submerged in blue haze. Raised high above the rest of earth he will feel himself to be, and to have reached a region of sternest austerity, indeed, but lofter, purer, clearer, and more dazzling radiance and a further stretching horizon than man had ever known before. And his vision will be all the more intense because he will have won this glory for himself by his own unaided efforts.

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ON THIS DAY JULY 3 1924

This article appeared shortly after the unsuccessful attempt on Mount Everest by the expedition led by Colonel E. F. Norton. This expedition remains a landmark in the annals of mountaineering, ensured as such by the last sight of George Mallory and Andrew Irvine disappearing into the clouds about 800 ft from the summit.

THE DOOM OF EVEREST. A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

(By Sir Francis Younghusband.) The doom of Everest is sealed, and from this day forth no man can ascend its peak. Man, grown in wisdom and stature but the mountain's stature is fixed. Man can exalt the spirit within him, but the mountain cannot add a single inch to its massive bulk.

RELENTLESS ADVANCE.

Thus the doom can be seen relentlessly closing on Everest. Man is remorselessly marching upon her. First he whetted his spirit upon the lesser giants. Forty years ago he was sixty years old, and he had reached 25,000 ft. Fifteen years ago he had attained to nearly 25,000 ft. And now at length he dared to climb the mountain which the pioneer mountaineers of their time. Two years ago he climbed to 27,000 ft. A month ago he reached no less a height than 28,000 ft. 21, 23, 25, 27, 28 - arithmetic itself shows that 29 must follow and Everest be vanquished.

All washed out

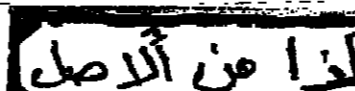
From Professor Martin F. Smith Sir, Mrs Rosamond Richardson (June 29) may be consoled by the news that it was not such better in 1792 in Hampshire at any rate, according to Gilbert White: "Thunder, and hail. A sad midsummer day". He does not say whether there was any tennis.

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(SPECIAL REPORT)

July 3, 1985

Going ahead on the Victoria line



Mrs Thatcher's Government to model the nation's present and future by reference to a mythic past.

Like all such political slogans, the phrase is at once historically inaccurate (there never was a single Victorian age and it certainly rested on no single set of values) and yet evocative. Victorian economic endeavour contrasts sharply with the economy's progress of recent years: the physical structure of Victorian Britain is not just around us still - many of us live in it.

The cliché hovers over Number 1, Great George Street, palatial home of Britain's premier association of engineers. For the Institution of Civil Engineers, like Mrs Thatcher, like the nation at large, is locked in embrace with history, - simultaneously rejecting much of our historical baggage of values and institutions while proudly maintaining certain values, certain buildings, certain traditions.

Take the Institution's headquarters. Its foundation stone was laid a decade after Victoria died, and its porticoes, its redundant spaces, its floor-to-ceiling wood panelling, its marble statuary all recall the grand era. It is a pompous building, totally unsuited to the needs of civil engineers in the latter part of the twentieth century. Yet its destruction is unthinkable. The building is listed: it is loved by the generations of young engineers who sat and took their qualifying exams in its great hall with its mock-Empire plaster columns: it is a symbol of professional aspiration through the ages - but all civil engineers know that adapting it for the information technology age is going to be costly and difficult.

But the Institution's dilemma amounts to more than what to do with an old-fashioned

marbled monument and how to provide on-line information access and retrieval to engineers in their offices and homes hundreds of miles away.

The Institution of Civil Engineers was awarded a royal charter on the eve of the Victorian era. Civil engineering's years of glory are precisely the Victorian heyday. The bridge-builder was a hero: at his death Thomas Telford was given a place in Westminster Abbey; engineers went to Parliament, and Parliament voted the wherewithal for drains, cuttings, breakwaters and highways.

In some engineers the Victorian values might simply amount to a hankering after a golden age. Within the Institution itself (according to a draft of a hard-hitting consultation paper on its future that is soon to be circulated to members) "planning for the future has been overshadowed by reverence for the past."

In the words of the Institution's Corporate Planning Group "just as the Institution was created for the demands of the nineteenth century, so it now needs to be remoulded to serve civil engineers as they face the challenges of the 1990s and the twenty-first century". And both in Great George Street and in local engineers' associations, the bones of a strategy for change are being picked over with some urgency.

Robert Campbell, formerly secretary of the Institution,

'Admired and sought throughout world'

wrote that "for the past 160 years the construction industry has, by voluntary effort, produced and supported the highest quality all-round professional engineer, recognised, admired and sought after throughout the world". Few would dissent. In the early years of the last century Thomas Telford was sought by the Count von Platen to build the Gotha Canal in Sweden; a few months ago Mrs Thatcher opened the British-engineered Victoria Dam in Sri Lanka. But

there are obstacles to the civil engineer's recognition at home.

The Institution's current president is John Derrington, a director of Sir Robert McAlpine, with sharp experience of modern civil engineering in the construction of nuclear power plants and oil extraction in the North Sea. Like many of his breed he is diffident. But he puts the point firmly. "Many civil engineers believe the public ignores them. There are many other interests in the construction industry: we engineers have a fractured existence, and that is part of the problem."

Arthur Jacobs, chairman (within the Institution) of the Association of Municipal Engineers, is county surveyor of Hampshire and a lifetime spent in local government. He makes the same point: "We, the municipalities, realized in the early 1980s that we were not contributing enough to debate our views as engineers were not being heard. Now merged in the civis we are a voice that must be heard."

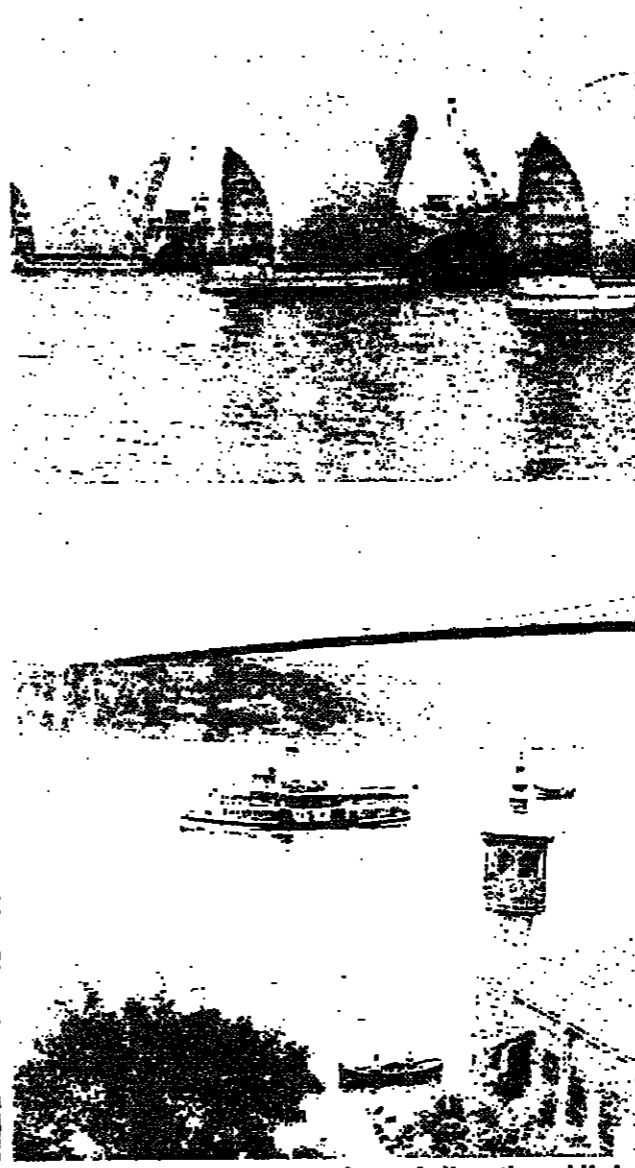
Articulating that voice means, first, refining the purposes of the Institution, and second putting civil engineers on the political map, though in the confines of Great George Street "politics" is a suspect word. It is not that the Institution does not have a sophisticated understanding of how the political machine works: the number of ministerial limousines which draw up outside headquarters shows that. But the Institution has a great fear of being tainted by politics, either by party political affiliation or by the sordidness of pressure group lobbying.

"One of the things we're trying to do is maintain and strengthen our credibility as an objective body dealing with facts and expert assessment. That means we don't go to government with a begging bowl. We don't behave as a pressure group. We don't act for this or that industry."

The words are those of the Institution's deputy secretary, Mr Graham Hornby and they reflect a widespread sentiment. There is a sense, too, that the



John Derrington (above), the Institution president, says



Barrier (top) and the present Bosporus Bridge, their



magnificent Great George Street headquarters sometimes appears a relic of the past

'This scale change requires strategy'

Institution's influence will depend on a better definition of its role in years to come. "The Institution, now more than 150 years old, was conceived during

a period of industrial revolution and shaped by a profession that served an industrial society. Industry is changing, from smokstack to high tech, from tradesmen-powered to robot-served. Houses, communications, working and leisure patterns will also change.

"Change on this scale requires a strategy." That is an expression of the need for debate from the Institution's wise men in its in-house think tank, the Corporate Planning

Group. The debate itself will necessarily involve the 72,000 civil engineers in membership living throughout the United Kingdom and abroad.

The Institution serves as an authoritative guardian of engineering education standards: its seal on trained engineers says they are fit to go out in the world and build rigs, dams and power stations. It is a learned society publishing papers that advance knowledge and theory. These activities require cool heads, perhaps an older, staid way of conducting business.

But the Institution wishes, in its own words, for a major push into information services; a high profile in public affairs; more influence over employment prospects for members, in other words, to provide members

Hard hats need hard hearts to make Ministers listen

The nation built the infrastructure of civilized life on the professionalism of its engineers and their professional expertise was given society's accolade.

Now Britain's infrastructure is deteriorating. In one influential report last year the Institution charted the scale of the problem and in another due out this autumn it will supply the best available figures for mileage of leaking water supply pipes, cracking bridges and disolving carriageway.

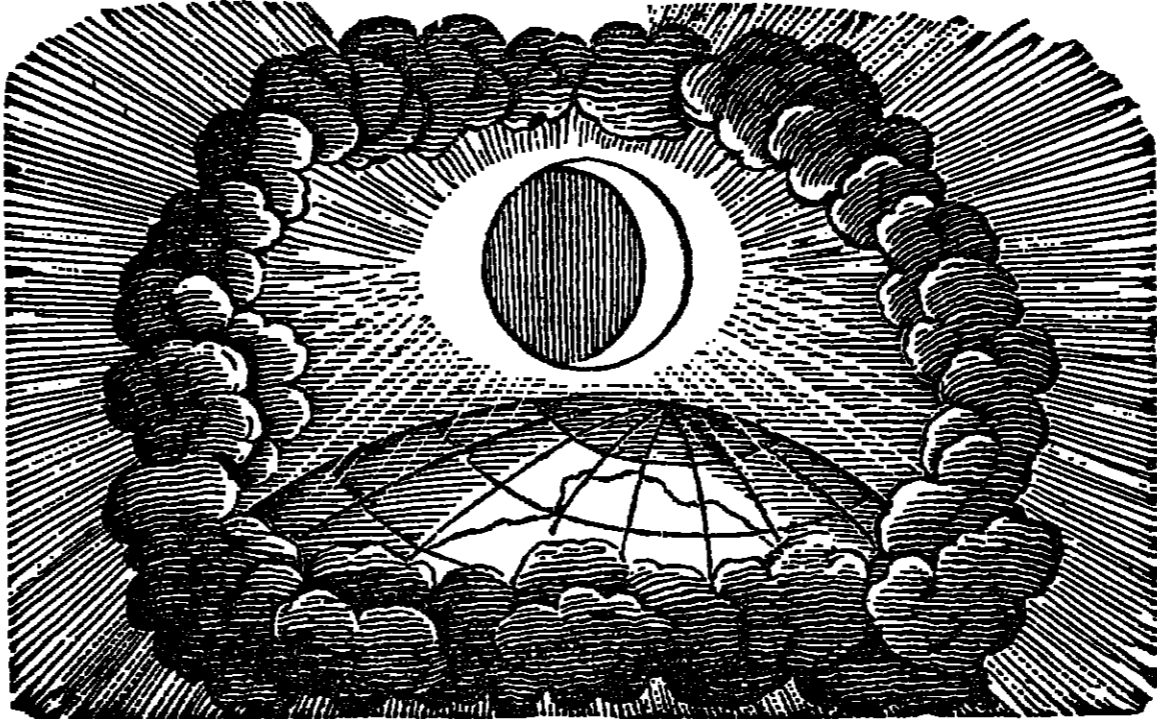
Few engineers, contemplating their salary slips, need to be told that society's current estimation of their work, as compared with other professionals, is lacking.

Certainly, as one acute observer put it, "if you pulled our man in a hard hat off the construction site, he would say the institution should be doing more, making more of an impact. But what he's really saying is that engineers ought to be better esteemed."

"We went," said one civil engineer in a senior public sector role, "to Callaghan and Thatcher with our professional misgivings about the state of the nation's basic infrastructure. We got the brush off. So we started doing it ourselves, collecting facts and figures, assessing the evidence, the sewer mileages, the rate of bridge collapse. And now ministers are listening."

"The Institution is trying to act as a catalyst in this debate about the infrastructure," says John Black, chief executive of the Port of London Authority and a leading light of the Infrastructure Planning Group. "We aspire to be the honest broker, to call attention to physical conditions and point the consequences of neglect. It is up to us to say there are three or four leaks every 1,000 kilometres of mains water pipe, that there are 16 potholes per half mile of road - and so on. We take the emotion, the political bias out of the facts."

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THE FOUNDATION OF CIVILISATION

Civilisation is built on simple things like a supply of wholesome water to drink and use, like healthy arrangements for disposing of effluents and waste, like a reliable supply of usable energy, like a complex network of communications. Of course, Civilisation needs more than just these, but it cannot survive without them. Some people refer to all this as the infrastructure. Others call it the fabric of the nation. To those of our 72,000 members who design, build and service it, this is civil engineering. Their tasks are to maintain the standards of our society and to establish those standards for others less fortunate. They are men and women who, calling upon years of training and generations of learning, serve communities around the world. Civil engineers sustain our nation and those who look to us for sustenance; their overseas earnings are among the unsung achievements of our time. We owe them more than we know.



THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
Founded in 1818 for the challenges of tomorrow.

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SCHASCHANSKY
for films theatre
Schaschansky, who died on June 28, 1984, was a versatile actress for films and television.
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MAURICE MILES
Maurice Miles, FRAM, died on June 26, 1984.
... at Wells Cathedral... studied at the Royal... of Music and... the BBC from 1930... when he became... of the Buxton and... until the... war... during which he... the Royal Armoured... was Conductor of the... Symphony Orchestra... then took over the... Orchestra until... was Conductor of the... 1966-67, and... former Professor of... Royal Academy of...
... Are You Beating... in 1977.
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Our Will
... the help we... need in our... poverty and...
... care.



Ralph Henderson, a graduate with W. S. Atkins, puts on a hard hat as he lines up work on the M25

Taking pride in their independence

Britain has 217,000 miles of publicly maintained roads, from the motorways down to the old "unclassifieds". Driving at a constant 50 miles an hour, never stopping for petrol or at a Little Chef, a motorist would take six months to cover the distance. And how many pot holes would shake the car's suspension, how many bad gradients slow its speed?

One man who might supply answers is Arthur Jacomb, chairman of the Association of Municipal Engineers and a man who is happiest out on the black top wearing a duffle coat and a hard hat.

But Mr Jacomb is also a senior local government officer and so well versed in the puntillio. His answer to complaints would be: the engineer can only work within the limits of the resources the politicians provide.

The municipals pride themselves on their independent role as keepers, engineers charged with maintaining and refurbishing rather than creating new capital infrastructure. Highways are a primary concern of Mr Jacomb, the county surveyor of Hampshire and of his colleagues, most of whom are in local government. Their exper-

tise on the condition of the nation's roads has made the pothole count a reliable reference figure in the Institution's current deliberations about the state of the infrastructure.

Until last year municipal engineering was a separate expertise recognized in the existence of the Institution of Municipal Engineers, a body founded a century ago and incorporated by royal charter in the late 1940s. Intellectually and professionally there was always a degree of overlap between the municipals and the civils and senior figures in the Institution of Municipal Engineers tended to have civil engineering qualifications in addition.

Though a junior partner (with 10,000 members compared with the Institution's 70,000) it was until recently content to be separate. What started the process that ended last year in the merger of the municipals and the civils was the inquiry into engineering education led by Sir Monty Finniston in the late 1970s.

"We wanted to present a unified view to Finniston," Mr Jacomb recalls, "and that led on to discussion about what was common between all engineers involved in construction. The

concept of a broad church Institution, put forward by Michael Hawkins, the county engineer of Devon, was well received."

The path was not without its potholes. There has always been a little rivalry between engineers employed in the public sector and colleagues in private firms and the merger represented the accession of a large number of public sector men. "But the Institution benefited from acquiring a group of people with perhaps - from their local government experience - a critical political awareness," said Mr Jacomb.

Part of the reasoning behind the merger was a sense that the municipals lacked influence, that their association had become too introspective, too much the learned society.

"There was a desire to project ourselves more in the outside world, to contribute to debate, to have our views heard," Mr Jacomb explained.

A high proportion of those with civil engineering degrees never proceed to membership of the professional institution. Engineers as managers can indeed be influential. But little of this applies to the municipals.

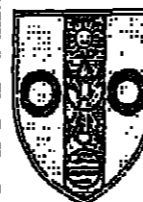
Few local government civil engineers leave the surveyor's or technical department. Only a tiny number have swapped their hard hats for a chief executive's breve. "Perhaps we're too wedded to the open air and the sharp end," Mr Jacomb suggests.

As the merger with the municipals is consummated there is talk of further amalgamations to re-shape and streamline the overlapping civil engineering professions. A sensible start towards what one senior man called the "damn good idea" of a unified civil engineering profession might be a merger between the civils and the Institution of Structural Engineers.

Yet institutional loyalties run deep. Talk about mergers is "pillow talk," says Bill Francis, a consultant and former director of Trafalgar House who has devoted uncounted hours to the problems of engineering education and training.

Vexed problems of matching qualifications will confront those trying to mop up the congeries of small institutions representing engineers in water. But the hankering after a unified profession is strong.

Infrastructure is the buzz word



Stockton has a special place in civil engineering history. In 1825 it was the terminus of George Stephenson's railway from Darlington, herald of the engineer's golden age when the country was first covered with "infrastructure".

Stockton was, by chance, one of the towns chosen by the Policy Studies Institute when it recently surveyed the state of infrastructure. The picture, described in *Rebuilding the Infrastructure* (PSI, £4.00), is of a growing gap between need for investment - in land reclamation, houses, roads, bridges - and planned spending.

It speaks of a "stock deficit" in housing in Stockton and the surrounding county of Cleveland; an unfulfilled demand for renovation of both council and privately owned homes; gaps in the network of primary highways; a "substantial backlog of maintenance work on roads serving industry and docks; hundreds of acres of derelict land."

Stockton is a microcosm of Britain at large. "It has become widely accepted," the PSI study concluded, "that infrastructure investment in the last two years has fallen too low."

Whether that is true, infrastructure has undoubtedly become a 1985 political buzz word, the subject of Parliamentary debates (in both Commons and Lords) and sheaves of commentary. Proponents of additional infrastructure investment spread across the political spectrum, at least from Mr Francis Pym leftwards.

Even Government ministers are loath to present themselves as against infrastructure. "I agree it is vital to maintain the nation's infrastructure, its roads, its buildings, its water supply and its drains," Mrs Thatcher told the Commons. "Indeed we are so much in agreement with these propositions that we earmarked very large sums for precisely that purpose."

But controversy rages over the amount of infrastructure investment and its direction. The concept has become indelibly political. Proponents of infrastructure tend to want greater levels of public investment than the Government would wish; they also tend to want the Government to plan, intervene, take responsibility for the nation's physical fabric. The infrastructure argument

goes on, and seems likely to be a pivot on the political ramp leading to the next general election.

Enter the civil engineers. "Few weeks pass without comment on one aspect of infrastructure or another. For the most part the comments are narrowly-based, far from balanced or impartial, and too often represent either complacency or near panic."

"Never has there been a time when those in government and in other agencies with responsibilities for planning and investment, have greater need for accurate and comprehensive information on the state of the nation's infrastructure and on what levels of investment are needed from now until the end of the century."

Which is why the Institution established its Infrastructure Planning Group, a blue-ribbon panel chaired by the chief executive of the Severn-Trent Water Authority, Mr Donald Reeve, supported by experts from local government, the nationalized industries, the construction industry, con-

sultants and - necessarily - the banks.

Its first report came out last year, and had the merit of providing a working definition of infrastructure that has since been widely adopted. A three-fold division was needed, into a basic infrastructure including the transport network, water supply, sewerage, the provision of energy and communications. This is the civils' prime territory. Among its reviews the Infrastructure Group has undertaken a technical examination of the state of water mains and sewers, fomented debate on the benefits of a fixed link (bridge or tunnel) across the English Channel and looked forward to the redevelopment of Britain's ports.

The Group added to its definition social infrastructure, comprising housing, hospitals, schools and other social and leisure buildings, and industrial and commercial infrastructure, including sites, factories, offices and research facilities.

A second report being drafted is expected to be published in the autumn. It will update the factual survey of the first report and then enter unknown territory by setting out priorities for investment. "We are looking", one of the Group's members said, "for national adjudication

of these priorities. That is for the politicians and civil servants; but they can't overlook our findings."

The second report will be one of the first quantitative accounts of the investment needed and is likely to cause a stir. Because it bears the Institution's stamp, the government will not be able to dismiss it as the work of a partisan body.

Monitoring the infrastructure is likely to become a permanent part of the Institution's work, with statistics collected on a regular basis. The infrastructure exercise has seen civil engineers reaching out to professional colleagues in finance and other disciplines, and a habit of wider communication has set in.

With all this has come a sense that, once again, civil engineers are at the historic cutting edge. "We're realizing," says Donald Reeve, "that the basic infrastructure needs renewal not merely repair; that over the period since the Victorian heyday the infrastructure has been remorselessly extended, and it is now clear that more than patching is needed. It's jolly dangerous to live on a past decade's building let alone the infrastructure of a century ago."

"Perhaps civil engineers are uniquely keepers of the nation's infrastructure," suggests John Black of the Port of London Authority, a colleague of Mr Reeve on the Infrastructure Planning Group. "Civils in local government are directly responsible for maintenance, for the condition of the roads; in the water authorities it is they who have to balance costs and efficiency in the maintenance of the sewers and water installations; likewise for the railways and airports." And the debate has produced a measure of introspection within the profession.

"Civil engineers have on occasion been guilty of arrogance, particularly in public works of paramount importance," says a document circulated among members of the Institution's council. "Sharper requirements for public accountability are changing the background of scheme assessment but we should also modify our stance and lead the way into more rapid, less costly fulfilment of the public need."

Translated, that means that the era of major public works projects with long lead times is over. The infrastructure work of today is often small scale; civil engineers do not need to spend years at the drawing table to cope with it.

Spending must stem from need

Perhaps this adds up to what Institution president John Derrington calls "a great need for more central planning," which means as much the mobilization of commitment and consensus behind a project as working out in advance the nuts and bolts of design and expense. "I don't mean the government has to do it, but the government has a role."

What the engineers want - for the sake of crumbling Britain - is some continuous means of communication between government, engineers as a profession, and civil engineering as an industry. There is great scope, they feel, for long term bipartite or tripartite planning work, along the lines of the National Road Maintenance Conditions Survey.

vey, conducted jointly by the Department of Transport and the County Surveyors Society and a blueprint for future spending on roads.

The kind of planning required is likely to be spelled out in the Infrastructure Group's second report. It might take the form, for example, of an Infrastructure Strategy Board with members from local government as well as central Government from the Institution and the construction industry.

But that is to state an age old problem of British government. And the usual solution - create a quango - is likely to have little appeal to the present Government.

One suggestion is for a board comprising independent experts to sit in public and provide detailed evaluation of the technical and commercial elements in investment proposals.

But will the politicians surrender their prerogative and will MPs give up their quite legitimate interests in the local and regional impact (and job creating potential) of infrastructure work? Unlikely.

The case for infrastructure spending must stem, the Institution believes, from "real need".

Engineers are not blind either, to the social side of the equation. Infrastructure spending, it is widely believed, is good for Britain for it has a multiplier effect on UK produced materials and plant and it creates employment.

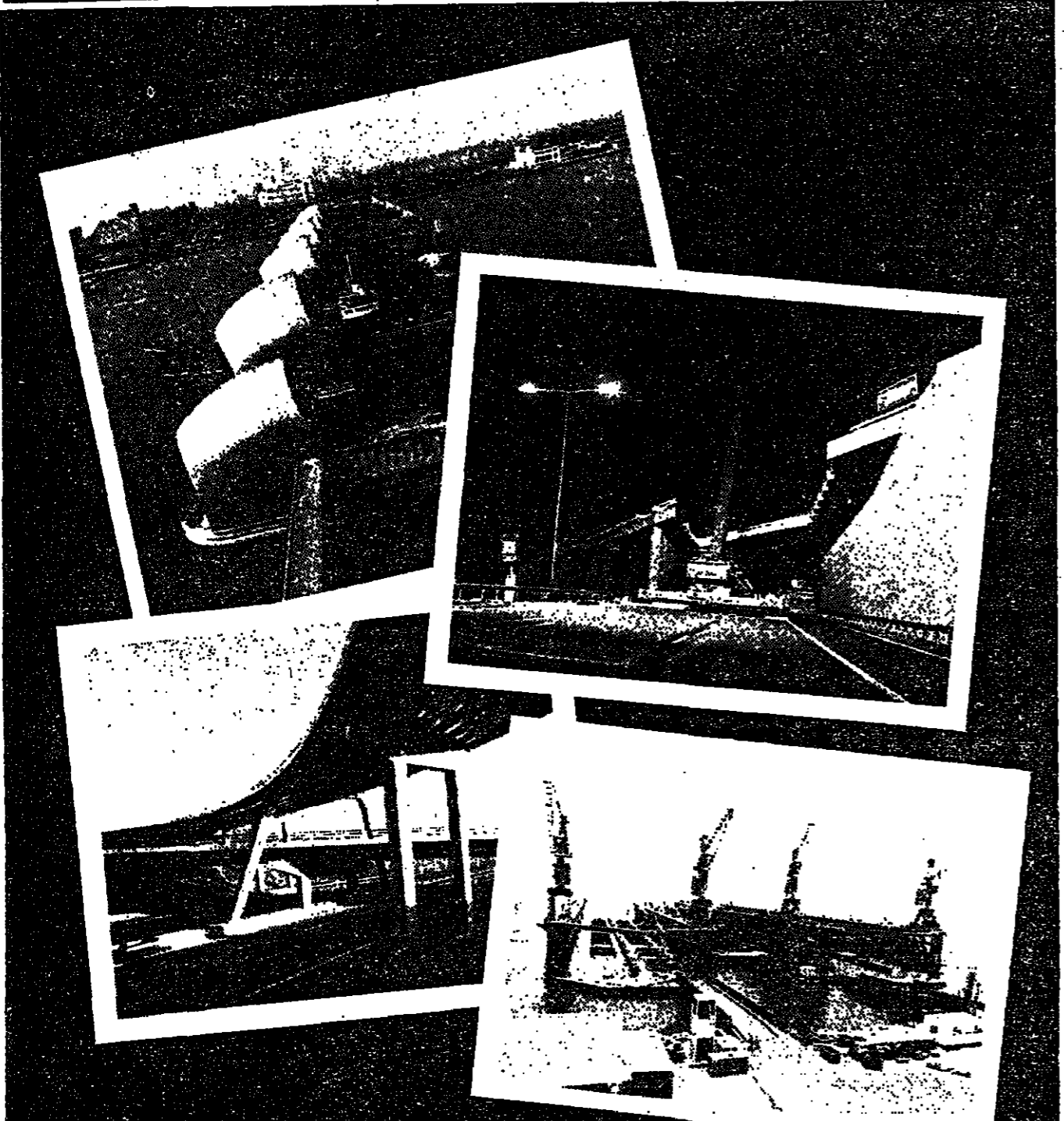
It is also, there is no shame in saying it, good for the profession.

The priorities for investment

Its first report came out last year, and had the merit of providing a working definition of infrastructure that has since been widely adopted. A three-fold division was needed, into a basic infrastructure including the transport network, water supply, sewerage, the provision of energy and communications. This is the civils' prime territory. Among its reviews the Infrastructure Group has undertaken a technical examination of the state of water mains and sewers, fomented debate on the benefits of a fixed link (bridge or tunnel) across the English Channel and looked forward to the redevelopment of Britain's ports.

The Group added to its definition social infrastructure, comprising housing, hospitals, schools and other social and leisure buildings, and industrial and commercial infrastructure, including sites, factories, offices and research facilities.

A second report being drafted is expected to be published in the autumn. It will update the factual survey of the first report and then enter unknown territory by setting out priorities for investment. "We are looking", one of the Group's members said, "for national adjudication



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INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS/3



Bill Barr: The archetypal civil engineer



Sir Henry Chilver: New guidelines laid down



Sir Monty Finiston: Concerned with the supply of engineers

Volunteers who keep the business going

Bill Barr is the type of Scottish engineer that story-tellers and the television writers have made into a stock character quick, practical and argumentative.

Practical engineering is his life as managing director of the Ayr family firm of W & J Barr & Sons, bridge and road builders, quarrymen, plant hire specialists and building suppliers. And engineering is his play, too. For Mr Barr is an Institution activist, an organiser of dinners and meetings, a giver of papers and traveller on Institution business - a cynosure of the great amount of voluntary effort which the Institute relies on in its day-to-day functioning.

The Institution has 260 staff, based mostly in London in its publishing company or at the Great George Street headquarters. But, in effect, it is a voluntary organisation of working engineers members who sit on committees and attend meetings.

Currently the Institution is questioning whether it should not offer its members more in professional services. "Members, whatever their commitment in the activities of the Institution, are often not well acquainted with the full range of existing services," said a senior engineer at the centre of discussions. "The image of Great George Street is rather stuffy."

and they chat. What do you do for a living, asks the dentist. I'm a civil engineer, is the reply. And the dentist asks: what's that?"

A leading member of the Institution council in Northern Ireland is Ingram Bill, managing director of Graham's of Dromore, a big Ulster building and civil engineering contractor. There are things to be done and urgently, to strengthen communications between members in the provinces and headquarters, says Mr Barr.

But first decisions have to be taken about the future of headquarters. The cost of refurbishing the Greater George Street headquarters and re-equipping with the new information technology, re-fashioning its meeting rooms and halls could cost some £6 million.

Such plans are not new. "Over the last 30 years," a council member said, "there have been occasions when members' services were examined. Twenty years ago planning permission was obtained to carry out much of what is being considered now."

Mr Barr says: "We have been slow in getting into the computer age - unlike our brethren, the electrical engineers. We may argue about what kind of regional representation the Institution ought to have - but those questions await the regeneration of headquarters."



GWILYM ROBERTS, director of John Taylor and Sons, wants the Institution's image to match the splendour of its Great George Street headquarters and he is impatient to see Britain's civil engineers again regarded as the best in the world

Bosporus was a bridge too far

Why did British firms fail to win the Turkish government's contracts for the second crossing of the Bosporus? The question has been asked in board rooms and on building sites, in Parliament and probably also in Cabinet. And the answer does not have much to do with British civil engineering expertise or the calibre of British consultants and contractors.

It has a lot to do - it is widely believed - with favourable credit terms extended to the Turks by the Japanese government and a package of soft loans that made the Japanese bid irresistible.

In Great George Street, where they point with pride to the British-engineered first Bosporus bridge, a particular lesson has been taken from the failure.

"The Institution should collaborate with the government and the City to identify opportunities; it should act as a catalyst, encouraging firms to take their chances, talking with ministers and permanent secretaries... a mechanism to ensure that we the British get in before the French or the Japanese."

That is fighting talk. It comes from no young blood but the eminently respectable Gwilym Roberts, director of the consulting firm John Taylor and Sons. Mr Taylor's impatience stems from a deep pride in the achievements overseas of British civil engineers and the conviction that, for lack of an institutional leg-up, they are in danger of under-performing, depriving overseas clients of their skills and British employees of work.

That said, the existing performance is impressive. Current foreign works involving British engineering consultants have a gross value of £48 billion. British contractors have £6.6

billion worth of overseas projects either under construction or on their order books; of these there will be a sizeable flow of orders from UK-based firms for everything from pumps to bulldozers. The net exports earnings of British firms in the construction business is huge.

The British have taken their share of that infrastructural revolution in the Middle East, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the sheikhdoms have equipped themselves with such basic services as piped water and sewerage. Again, it has been the British consultants who have triumphed. In recent years less work has gone to British contractors, undercut by the Koreans and Japanese on price.

"British consultants are independent. Foreign consultants tend to be owned by nationalized industries or big groups. The British provide impartial advice. By contrast French consultants tend to recommend French contractors." What is needed, Mr Roberts suggests, is better co-ordination between British institutions. It can be done. He cites a major project on which his own firm has been working - the Cairo waste water project, one of the biggest public health projects in the world. Co-operation worked. Seed money came from the Overseas Development Administration - £185 million from the Export Credit Guarantee Department. And a project got under way that will return £200 million worth of hardware orders to the United Kingdom.

Of its members fully one-third are overseas and a half of these are British expatriates. The Institution needs to work to keep these in touch and, perhaps more important, to create what Mr Roberts calls a domestic mechanism to ensure continuing opportunities for the British engineer abroad.

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How the students meet the standard

"If they are disapproving, you're dead." So said a London University professor of civil engineering, an academic who usually, like other university people, is most anxious to protect his autonomy.

But the "they" in that sentence includes his academic peers: they include practical engineers, too, who ultimately, as employers, will cast the worth of his graduates. These are the members of the Institution's committee of "moderators". They are the team sent out to check whether universities offering civil engineering degrees - which allow young engineers exemption from the early stages of the institution's own qualifying process - meet the required standards.

Visits are made on a five-yearly cycle and they are rigorous. "Everything is laid out", the professor reported, "the research record, equipment, and if they are dissatisfied they say so, and call on the vice-chancellor after they have been to see you."

Such visitations are at the heart of the Institution's role as an examining body. Its certification formally says an engineer is qualified to practise. Anyone can set up a shingle and call himself or herself a civil engineer: such people can even tender for bridge work and dig trenches. But the magic word is "chartered". A client employing a chartered engineer in Britain has the insurance of 170 years' professional discipline.

The civils sometimes seem to strike a satisfied, even a complacent note, about their training system. In the context of the Finiston inquiry into engineering formation, and the great debates of recent years about the quality and quantity of Britain's engineers, this at

first rings oddly. But the civils' educational record is good. The inquiry led by Sir Monty Finiston was primarily concerned with education and supply of engineers for manufacturing industry: civil engineering was tacked on as an afterthought. His prescription for a Government-backed registration process filled many civils with horror, for it seemed to them to ignore the strength of their tradition. For years civil engineering has been predominantly a graduate profession - and one which has sometimes seemed to attract an over-supply of talent.

Finiston was especially resentful because earlier in the 1970s the Institution had commissioned one of its most distinguished members, Sir Henry Chilver, FRS, principal of Cranfield Institute of Technology, to re-shape its qualifying process. Chilver's recommendations on sequential examination of managerial and technical competence were not universally welcomed but the debate over them represented a thorough airing of the issues.

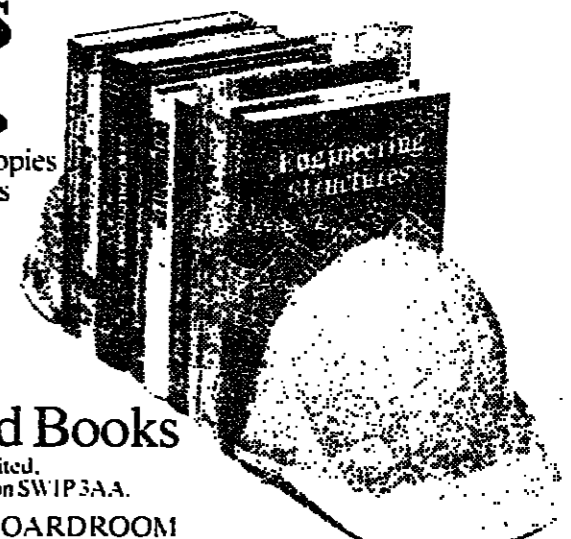
Not everything in the civils' garden is fine. Members of the Institution's council express worries over the balance between fully qualified engineers and engineers with technician-level qualifications. The latter are vital and their numbers may be insufficient. Next year the first civil engineers will emerge from the qualifying process set up after Sir Henry Chilver reported. They will have been examined, essayed; but they will not be declared eligible to practise until they have convinced the Institution, embodiment of the collective wisdom of the profession, that they are fit to join the brethren.

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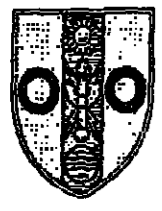
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"Carsington designer, sued over failure" ran the headline over the lead story in one edition of *New Civil Engineer* last month. And that, despite being a story about water, millions and millions of gallons of water, is as good a definition as you will get of washing your dirty linen in public.

For it was a story about the failure last summer of the dam on the Carsington reservoir in Derbyshire. Mercifully when cracks appeared and a 400 metre length of the dam wall collapsed there were no injuries. There were red faces, however, and lots of work for lawyers as consultants, contractors and engineers squared off in the fight to apportion blame.

This was a detailed story about dam specification, soil conditions and retention capacity. Yet it was a story of manifest interest not just to people living downstream of the reservoir but to water consumers everywhere who take tap supplies for granted. It was a story *New Civil Engineer* was well equipped to do, and it presented the facts with no squeamishness about either professional reputation or the rather unnerving spectacle of dam engineers disagreeing completely.

Such hard-news reporting - especially of controversial subjects - has become something of a hallmark of this magazine, put out weekly by Thomas Telford Ltd, the Institution's wholly-owned publishing company. "Yes, we've advocated latitude," says Hugh Ferguson, editor in chief (and himself a qualified civil engineer). "And," he added with a laugh, "the Institution can always sack me."

The magazine's editors operate under a rough and ready convention allowing full journalistic freedom in their news reporting subject to a requirement to cover institutional news from headquarters. "It would be nonsense if we took a line diametrically opposed to the Institution on every issue - and we don't."

New Civil Engineer was launched in 1972, primarily as a means of communication

within the civils fraternity. But the then secretary of the Institution realized that if the magazine was to succeed journalistically (and so attract advertising and so break even financially) then it needed a free rein. And succeed it has: its eighteen staff produce a lively product for readers on the 54,000-strong circulation list. It is certainly Hugh Ferguson's hope that the magazine has become more than an organ of intramural contact.

"We were proud of the way the national press and the broadcast media picked up our stories on the Hessel Stadium - scene of tragedy during the Liverpool-Juventus European Cup Final. Articles are pitched at a level where a layman with a modicum of technical knowledge can understand them. Institution members are pleased when they see engineering expertise made available to the wider public."

New Civil Engineer is one of a stable of periodicals produced by the Telford publishing company. The Institution is the largest publisher of civil engineering literature in the country with a list that runs from specialist periodicals such as *High Water to Geotechnique*; a quarterly devoted to soil mechanics.

There is also a long backlist of books and manuals. Perhaps too long. Voices in the Institution's great debate about its role in the 1990s and beyond have said that access to its great



The wonderful ambience of the Institution's library provides a superb place for study



Thomas Telford (left) could never have imagined in 1818 that the publishing company that bears his name would reach a £7 million turnover in the hands of the Institution's publishing director Alan Dawson (centre above) and his editorial staff whose top three publications circulate extensively outside the profession



base of knowledge is difficult; the new information technology should be used to plug engineers directly into the Institution's holdings of books and publications. Closed circuit television links would be set up for regional centres for document searches, aided facsimile transmission - according to one proposal. Such moves are, probably,

inevitable. They might at some point mean that *New Civil Engineer* appears by electronic transmission, perhaps without its (generally witty and well designed) full colour covers. But the IT revolution will have been destructive if this irreverent civils' house journal loses its capacity to poke some fun and the occasional uncomfortable fact at the professionals

Commercial publishers would jump at this operation

During the winter of 1818 a young engineer, distinguishing himself by the still novel appellation "civil", was working with Thomas Telford on the excavation of the largest dock to indent the Thames waterside. St Katharine's by the Tower - now an essential stopping point on the London tourist's itinerary.

The young man, Henry Robinson Palmer, was proud of his profession and for some months had been entertaining a group of his engineering contemporaries at Kendal's Coffee House in Fleet Street. In January he put to them a proposal, to form a society for promoting "mechanical philosophy", and for facilitating "the acquirement of knowledge necessary in the civil engineering profession."

Thus began the Institution of Civil Engineers, which within a decade had secured a royal charter. It is worth noticing how much emphasis Palmer put on

communication: "the reading and discussion of descriptions of discoveries or researches" and all information of use to members.

That emphasis on dissemination has remained a facet of the Institution's life in the years since: learned papers, books, transactions and minutes of proceedings have been its life blood. And now that is perhaps true in a literal sense. For the Institution's programme of publishing has become lucrative. On the surplus regularly turned by its publishing divisions the Institution depends for a sizeable part of its income.

Publishing is done by Thomas Telford Ltd, a wholly owned company, which now has an annual turnover of some £7 million made up by several big circulation periodicals: learned journals and a book publishing schedule that includes an annual list of some 40 titles.

"It is an operation a commercial publisher would jump at", says Alan Dawson, the Institution's publishing director. "But then we are a commercial publisher - and other publishers make use of our direct mail network and use us as a sales agent thanks to our penetration among engineers and in the construction industry."

The jewels in the crown are the three periodicals, *New Civil Engineer*, *Offshore Engineer* and *World Water*. All three circulate extensively outside the fraternity of civil engineers. *World Water* is deliberately "multi-disciplinary", in other words untied to civil engineering expertise.

The Institution's extensive publishing role is fairly recent in origin and owes much to the farsightedness of a former secretary, Garth Watson.

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with a bit more bread and butter. The Institution - which in large measure is a voluntary body relying on donations of time and effort by engineers - seeks to become more professional in delivering services to members and runs the risk of losing the collegial spirit on which its authority depends.

These questions will be teased out in months to come. There is a will to answer them, based on the deep pride most civils possess. In the words of one private sector contractor, a builder of harbours, sea-defences, "the Institution gives me personal certification, title that I and my fellow engineers are fit to service the public."

That marries with as deep a conviction that too often the civil engineer's light is hidden under a bush, that neither he nor his Institution get the kudos or attention they deserve. "We cannot leave the problems to the politicians or the social scientists," says Mr Hornby. "We must make our input."

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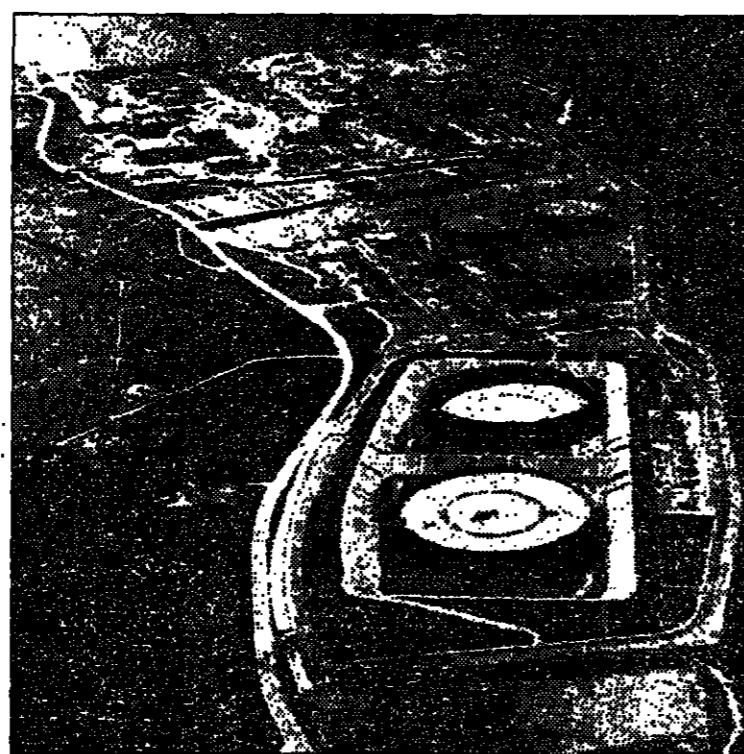
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BENJAMIN PRIEST GROUP: Results for the year to March 31 (Figures in £000) Turnover 31,573 (40,597)...

BRITISH VFA: The purchase of the Suley Group of 100 interests has been completed...

CML MICROSYSTEMS: Dividends 1.4p for the year to March 31 (Figures in £000)...

PEPE GROUP: Dividends 1.5p (nil for the year to March 31 (Figures in £000)...

LUCAS INDUSTRIES: Duralith has become a wholly owned subsidiary of Lucas in the US...

HARGREAVES GROUP: The chairman, Mr David Peake, has told shareholders that the new financial year has started well...

ALFRED WALKER: The company has conditionally agreed to acquire the Tysley Industrial Estate in Birmingham...

GARNER BOOTH: The company has contracted to purchase the business and trading assets of the by-product division of Strathmore Meat...

APPLIED BOTANICALS: Of the offers made on behalf of R.E.A. on June 7, acceptances have been received in respect of 25,238,090 Applied Botanicals ordinary (74.6 per cent) and 5,314,828 deferred shares (88.8 per cent)...

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Merrill Lynch adopts a softly-softly approach to London's 'Big Bang'

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Merrill Lynch's apparently cautious approach to the burst of deregulation and change in the London securities market has been a sad disappointment to those who like to think of America's biggest stockbroker as the thundering herd.

Mr Stanislas Yassukovich: London is the lynch pin



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London acquisition seriously, holding talks at one stage, for instance, with Rowe & Pitman. But this was around the time when things began to go wrong in the US...

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market after all these changes will be unique and a lot of European and Far Eastern securities business will be transacted in this time zone and will naturally tend to be carried out in London.

Mr Yassukovich sees equity markets being internationalized much as the debt markets were by the development of the Eurobond market...

US investment banks, including Merrill, already have a sizeable share of the business in some big British equities which they trade in the form of American Depositary Receipts. Much of the infrastructure they need in London in terms of sales and distribution is already in place.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

GEC and English China Clays dampen enthusiasm for shares

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

After a bright start shares flickered uncertainly yesterday with the combined forces of the General Electric Co. and English China Clays destroying much of the enthusiasm.

published, it is free to buy more of its shares for cancellation. ECC's rights issue is one of the crop which has caused the market so much concern.

Vickers rose 7p to 285p on nationalization compensation hopes. Vesper, another compensation candidate, slumped 40p to 190p as it failed to pay a final dividend with losses of just over £1 million against £2,045,000 profit.

The GEC figures - £725 million and a sharp dividend increase - were not expected to provide the inspiration the market so desperately needs.

Market men are keeping a north eye on Guinness Peat, the merchant bank, and on Britannia Arrow, the unit trust and investment management group in which GP has a near 26 per cent stake.

Beatrice Foods, the US foods group, displayed its wariness to investors in London yesterday with a presentation at Salomon Brothers, the merchant banker.

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Table showing prospective real reduction yield on protected inflation rate.

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CRICKET: ENGLAND STRIVE MIGHTILY BUT AUSTRALIA DESERVEDLY LEVEL TEST SERIES

Border ensures there is no repeat of 1981 collapse

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Australia beat Eng. 1-0 by four wickets. England did all that could reasonably be expected of them yesterday by giving Australia a nasty fright before losing the second Cornhill Test match. At 65 for five, needing 127 to win, Australia were, as their captain put it, "having nightmares about 1981". But Border himself saw them through, adding 41 not out to his first innings of 196. "I thought it would be hard to match beating West Indies at Sydney," he said afterwards, "but beating the old enemy at Lord's now takes the top spot."



A captain's innings: Border sends the ball hurtling to the boundary and Gating cannot bear to look (Photograph: Chris Cole)

McDermott when following through, was the cause of the trouble. To scotch the spin Wessels took a pace or two forward and pushed Edmonds to Gower, whose reflex return, left hand and underarm, hit the wicket, giving Wessels no time to get back. Boom played back to a ball well up to him, which pitched in the rough and turned. He would have been better off on the front foot. For a few jittery minutes it looked as though Australia might crack, as they did when needing only 130 to beat England at Headingley in 1981 and 151 at Edgbaston. Before he had scored Phillips, sent back by Border, could have been run out if Edmonds, with a tigerish piece of fielding to his own bowling, had hit the stumps. The 60 which Australia still had to find must have seemed hereabouts like 60 times six. But suddenly, Phillips started to pull and cut and in no time at all the match was decided. The six of which Botham had in him had proved fairly uneventful, as when Embury replaced him as Edmonds's partner runs came freely. Border thought Phillips's 29 was "a brilliant innings" such was the relief it brought him.

Hampshire win to gain share of lead

By Marcus Williams

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (23)ns beat Essex (3) by an innings and 57 runs. Hampshire required only 23 minutes to mop up the last three wickets yesterday morning and record an innings victory which put them back at the top of the Britannia Assurance county table, on points with Middlesex. It was Hampshire's first championship win since the end of May and ended a sequence of five draws, in which the frustration of either the weather or opposing tail-end batsmen had seen them slip from first to third place. Essex's backs had been against the wall ever since they lost the toss in ideal seam bowling conditions on Saturday and at the outset yesterday they were still 69 runs short of making Hampshire bat again. There were no heroes however, from the lower order as Essex, champions for the past two seasons, resignedly subsided to their first innings defeat since 1981. Indeed, the main contest was not between the batsmen and the Hampshire bowlers, Marshall and Tremlett, but between Marshall and Tremlett themselves to see which could become the first bowler in the country to take 50 first-class wickets this summer. Marshall reached 49 by inducing Pont to hit his wicket without addition to the gallant 34 he made on Monday evening. Tremlett drew thanks to a slick stumping by Parks and then won the race by yorking the No 11 Afield. The match was over, although the guests in the sponsors' tents were still drinking their morning coffee. If Hampshire, with a strong batting side, are to sustain their challenge in what appears to be an open title race, much will depend on the proven striking powers of Marshall (9 for 96 in this match) and on the medium-fast Tremlett (8 for 84), whose accuracy is supplemented by consistent wicket-taking. The pressure on adventurous batsmen is increased by the fact that Parks is prepared often to stand up to the stumps for him.

Ovett's late surge not enough to pull back Scott

From Pat Butcher, Stockholm

A late sprint took Ovett into second place behind the American, Steve Scott, in the 1,500 metres in the Mobil Grand Prix meeting here last night. Ovett had held prior to the race that he neither considered himself in winning or world class time form. The race proved him right, although the sprint distance from fifth to second place in the last 200 metres suggests that he is not ripe for the premature burial as a middle distance runner that he himself was indicating. Kevin Ryan led the first two laps in 57.75 and 1:57.09, with Ovett looking back lustre in fifth and sixth place. When Steve Scott sprinted home with 300 metres to go, Ovett was boxed, but still managed to beat world class athletes like Jose-Luis Gonzalez, Spain's world champion Aragon, immediately afterwards. Doña Melinte of Romania, the Olympic champion, inflicted the first 300 metres defeat on world record holder Jaromir Krotocik of Czechoslovakia. A 62sec last lap was the most significant factor in the 3,000 metres victory of Ovett's Puma. And that is the most eloquent warning to Zola Budd's world record pretensions in the Helsinki 5,000 metres tomorrow night. Mrs Puica is the Olympic champion in the race, that is best remembered for the then Mary Decker's fall over Miss Budd's legs, an incident that has caused Mrs Puica to be regarded as a favourite that of the 1970 principals; Mrs Puica has reminded us recently that she could have won her title no matter what happened. She has a very good case, as was manifested by her sprint finish last night, although the pace had been a little more sedate than in Miss Budd's 3,000 metres in Gateshead last Saturday. Miss Budd won in 3min 44.61sec in Gateshead, and Mrs Puica was slightly slower last night, winning in 3:47.61. But Miss Budd had better beware of that sprint. Sabine Busch, the East German, who has a flat 400 metres time of 49.24 to her credit, has converted to the one-lap hurdles. She was only one-tenth of a second slower than Pomranova's world record last week, and it was felt a race here against the Olympic champion, Nawal el Moutawakil, would push Mrs Busch to the world record. But her hurdling technique, which is appalling, let her down. Miss el Moutawakil has had an operation this winter and is clearly not back near her best form, and Mrs Busch is a clear leader coming into the home straight. But she stuttered over the final hurdles, even hitting the last one, and conceded victory on the run-in to Ksenowela Blaszkow, of Poland, who won in 54.27, eight tenths outside the Russian's world record. The beautifully sunny evening in the 1912 Olympic stadium provided extremely pleasant conditions for a capacity crowd of 20,000 plus, but a strong wind marred many of the performances. It was hardly to blame for Ovett's worst 400 metres performance since winning the European junior title in 1981. Bennett ran 46.06 in Utrecht four years ago, but in a race last night, "best forgotten" according to Bennett's coach, he was only 0.01 sec faster in 46.86 in fourth place. This is especially disappointing, since after two years of relatively mediocre performances, Bennett had at last finished after a fast win in the Moscow Grand Prix meeting, as if he was going to realize that youthful promise. Mark Rowe of the United States, won in 45.56, taking a clear lead over Bennett, with whom he had shared first place in the grand prix rankings.

Steele still has an iron will

It is now a decade since David Steele lost his way in the Lord's pavilion but found a niche in cricket history (Ivo Tennant writes). Another Lord's Test against Australia had come and gone but Steele, an England first-class batsman, who defied Ivo Thomson, West Indian threat balls and all it will stilling in the fast lane. Steele, now 43, will hit high in the order for Bedfordshire today in the first round of the NatWest trophy against Gloucestershire, who will pit Lawrence and Walsh against him. The old pro will need to muster all his old defensive skills, for these two are proving rapid on both pace and improvement. Bedfordshire are just one of 13 minor counties who, with Ireland and Scotland, take on first-class opposition. Shropshire's 37-run defeat of Yorkshire in this round last year serves as a reminder that upsets are not uncommon in this competition.

Harrowing victory satisfies Clifton

Schools Cricket by George Chesterton. For sheer excitement in the latest round of school matches, Clifton's success of Downside must rank high. Playing at home, Clifton batted first and no player really settled in, particularly against the medium pace of Thessinger, who finished with four for 20. The total of 140 certainly looked inadequate until Laws took a brilliant slip catch with Downside at 85 for three. This followed by a run out, tipped the balance. Downside slid to 125 for nine, and then crept by singles to within two runs of victory, only for the final wicket to fall to Niven to give Clifton success. Wellington were put in at Bradford on a wicket of variable bounce and struggled against Goudier, who took six for 32 before left-handers took the wicket, and before topped three figures on 104. Bradford found runs hard to come by. Cockerill in 21 overs took five of the wickets for 24, and although they made a late rally the

Drought in Derbyshire comes to an end

Derbyshire, hitherto the only county without a win in the Britannia Assurance county championship, yesterday beat Glamorgan yesterday, and by the handsome margin of 10 wickets. Never mind that victory was longer coming than their supporters would have liked - Glamorgan batted to 316 in their second innings - it was a departure from bottom place in the table. Glamorgan began the day 66 behind with five wickets in hand, and although Yonkers departed four short of a century, Davies and Derrick prolonged the resistance with a superb partnership of 78. Derbyshire were left to make 79. At Worcester there was a thrilling one. All uses have their fair share of thrills but this one perhaps even more so. Worcestershire needed to score 292 in 55 overs to beat Yorkshire and rid themselves of the embarrassment of having put Boycott in and not removing him until the last over of the first day.

Simmons senior service

By Richard Streeton. HASTINGS: Sussex (23)ns beat Lancashire (10)ns by 73 runs. A remarkable recovery by Northamptonshire brought about a 31-run victory over Warwickshire. A six-wicket stand of 109 between Bailey and Wild, just two of their county's talented young batsmen, helped them to reach 282. Warwickshire thus required 213 to win. Having put on 71 for the first two wickets, they lost five wickets in six overs for five runs. The last four wickets fell without a run being scored. Maltender and Harper weakened the havoc. Despite Willey's hint to the England selectors that he is still undecided as to whether to accept a bowing of the season - Leicestershire could not arrest their slide to the bottom of the table. They drew with Surrey.

Andrew in form for Cambridge

LONDON: Somerset drew with Cambridge University. The Cambridge captain, Rob Andrew, played himself into form on the crest of one University match after another. He completed a good year to avoid defeat by Somerset yesterday. Lancashire never had enough batting left to win but Simmons, declining singles to keep the strike, delayed the Sussex victory for as long as possible. He was on 86 by the time Imran returned and dismissed Polley and Makinson immediately. Simmons' composure hung on as Simmons completed a thoroughly deserved hundred. He batted two hours fifty minutes and hit fourteen fours. His only real scare came at 51 when Willey put down a catch at square leg off Green. Simmons was finally caught low and right handed by Barclay at second slip. He completed a good match for the Sussex captain, who was primarily responsible for the early Lancashire breakthrough. Fowler fought hard before he mistimed a drive against Piggitt and was held at cover. However, several poor strokes were played by the others.

Worcs v Yorkshire

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Andersen does Hinault good turn in Tour

From John Wilcockson, Port Auferer. The battle for supremacy in the Tour de France remained in the court of the French cycling. Bernard Hinault, after yesterday's exciting fourth stage. One of the most highly regarded members of the team, Kim Andersen (Denmark), took over the yellow jersey of leadership from Eric Vandendriessche, of Panasonic. Andersen, the team leader, was calling the tune before yesterday. Andersen who wore the yellow jersey for a week in the 1983 Tour, masterminded a breakaway of seven riders that went clear 32 kilometres (20 miles) from the finish. Lying in wait for a minute, he hit Vandendriessche. Andersen powered the break to a lead of 2min 47sec, collecting a 30sec time bonus on the way. Although Panasonic had Gerard Veldhoven in the attack, they could not let Andersen gain too much time. With 16 kilometres (10 miles) remaining, Panasonic began a chase, closing the gap to 40sec at a photo finish, where a Dutchman, Gerrit Solleveld, outstripped Bruno Lonli (Italy) for the stage victory. The hard chase was the last thing Vandendriessche's team wanted before today's 224 kilometres (140 miles) stage to Roubaix, which includes nine sections of cobbled lanes in the final 60 kilometres (37 miles). With Andersen in the lead, Hinault should be relieved of some of the pressure he is experiencing from the French public.



Steele: playing in the NatWest Trophy today

shire, who have yet to reach a one-day final. McEvoy, once a promising young Essex batsman, plays for Suffolk against Lancashire. Mark Bates, an England rugby player, is in their 12. Devon, who play Warwickshire, recall Davey, a stalwart of Gloucestershire cricket. David Lloyd, who also knows something of Cumberland against Middlesex as does his former Lancashire colleague, Reid. Most fascinating of all, perhaps, is that Mohammed's appearance against Northamptonshire for Shropshire. Mustaja was man of the match against Yorkshire and he had a long association with Northamptonshire. There is just one involving two first-class counties, here in Kent, and Surrey at Canterbury. If that is the match of the round, the fascination lies with the minnows.

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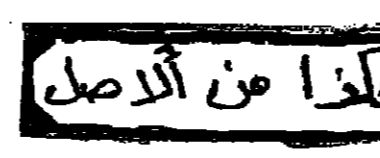
Tommy Harris, a York batsman, is the new president of Yorkshire Rugby League. He played for Hull at Wembley in 1950 and is the only man to win the Lance Todd man of the match award with the losing side.

Probable World Cup seeds

The Journal do Brazil newspaper, a survey by a television station showed that the seeded teams in next year's World Cup finals in Mexico, the Mexican Football Federation said yesterday. A spokesman said the list was given as the most likely by Jose Havelange, the president of FIFA, when he arrived in Mexico City on Sunday. Brazil's poor performance in Squidry's 1-1 draw with Bolivia has done nothing to improve the country's chances of being seeded for next year's World Cup finals in Mexico, which Brazil had already qualified. After the weak Bolivians had stolen the show, according to the Journal.

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Tennis: Leconte's firecracker suite ushers in the twilight of a Wimbledon god while there is another hit on the Becker label

French jazzman plays it too hot for the maestro whose music is Wagner

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Ivan Lendl, who had advanced to the semi-finals two years running and was seeded to contest the final this time, was beaten 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 by Henri Leconte, of France, on the centre court yesterday. One says "beaten" out of respect for usage. Lendl, in fact, was bewildered, demoralized and ultimately reduced to helpless desperation by an opponent who played like a whirlwind.

Leconte, who will celebrate his 22nd birthday tomorrow, had failed to get beyond the second round in three previous challenges. He did not complete last year. But yesterday he emerged as the most exciting player to grace Wimbledon since the prime of Rod Laver - a particularly apt comparison because Leconte, when on good terms with his muse, has much in common with that other great left-hander.

Like Laver, Leconte is quick on his feet, does wondrous things on the backhand and has no taste for compromise. He insists on living dangerously. Tennis is not worth playing, he reckons, unless it is an adventure.

It was certainly an adventure yesterday. Leconte's bold dexterity and misleadingly casual air provoke inevitable discussion - was there more than a panache about him, more of "D'Artagnan" than Athos? These were fine points. Leconte in full flow has such a thrilling beauty that it almost chills the blood to watch him.

He is the first Frenchman to reach the quarter-finals since Jean-Claude Molinar in 1959. He has a good record against Lendl and can "read" his game. Lendl, on the other hand, cannot read Leconte's. Hardly anyone can (not even Leconte, one suspects).

Lendl likes an ordered, settled world of conventional patterns and rhythms. Leconte's company slams the door on all that. He jumps about like a firecracker on the hazy frontier between genius and madness. Leconte plays jazz - hot jazz. By contrast, Lendl's tennis is Wagnerian.

As the bombs exploded around him Lendl, who has realized that he has little control over his own destiny. Sometimes Leconte's return flashed by him before Lendl had advanced within sniffing distance of the service line. It may or may not be relevant that Lendl does not. It may or may not be relevant that Leconte is married and Lendl is not.

Marriage has done the soulfully handsome Leconte a world of good. At the end he adopted a heroic pose and blew a kiss to his wife and step-daughter up in the stands. It was easy to believe that he was French.

The last eight will be John McEnroe v Kevin Curran, Jimmy Connors v Ricardo Acuna, Anders Jarryd v Heinz Günthardt and Boris Becker v Leconte. Curran played a "blinder" against Stefan Edberg, who looked dreamy and thoughtful as he rocked about in the turbulent air Curran created.

Acuna, a qualifier, is the first Chilean to reach the quarter-finals since Luis Ayala in 1961. Who would have thought that Jarryd, a first-round loser in four previous challenges, would be the only Swede in the quarter

finals - and the only seed left in the bottom half? The women's pairings will be Chris Lloyd v Barbara Potter, Kathy Rinaldi v Helena Sukova, Zina Garrison v Molly van Nostrand and Pamela Shriver v Martina Navratilova. Miss van Nostrand, aged 20, is a qualifier - and an interesting newcomer at this level of competition. She hits the ball two-fisted on both flanks and even switches hand positions. There is no knowing which hand will be the upper hand. She would drive a golf professional crazy. For good measure, Miss van Nostrand has two overhands - right-handed and left-handed. She has invented her own kind of tennis.

Miss Potter took two hours and two minutes to win 7-6, 6-7, 6-1 against the last British contender, Jo Durie. Miss Potter is a left-hander with an enviable variety of services, all of them good. She tends to strike soldierly poses. One thinks of Miss Potter in terms of Souza marches and of Miss Durie in terms of Vaughan Williams. Both played some dazzling shots. What mattered ultimately was that Miss Potter raised the level of her game in the third set and the stress was more than Miss Durie could withstand.

For all that, there has been one disquieting feature. Too many people have been admitted. The grounds have been choked. Thousands of people - yes, thousands - have been unable to watch tennis because they could not get close enough. That has been good for business in the "food village", the souvenir shop and other side-shows. But is it fair?

As Wimbledon was reduced to the last 16 in the men's and women's singles on Monday, Britain was left with only one survivor, Jo Durie, aged 24, of Bristol. Things used to be different. In the first Wimbledon after the war, in 1946, Britain had 10 of the last 16 in the women's singles. Olive Collier, Pat Curry, Kay McKenzie, Elizabeth Macpherson-Gray, Betty Nuthall, Margaret Vivian, Jean Bostock, Mary Halford, Beatrice Carris and Betty Hilton all made it through to the fourth round.

Three of them, Miss Curry, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Bostock went on to the quarter-finals. Britain did have one advantage - there were only 96 in the women's singles in that year and of those 92 were British, almost two-thirds of the field.

In the 1946 men's singles there were 46 British competitors in the field of 128, but things were not so different from today. No British man made the last 16. In 1946 there was one Briton, Tony Mottram, the father of Buster Mottram, and he was beaten 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, by Tom Brown, of the United States.

Qualifiers have acquired themselves well at Wimbledon in recent years but this year has been exceptional. Three, Andreas Maurer, of West Germany, Robert Seguso, of the United States, and Ricardo Acuna, of Chile, reached the last 16 of the men's singles.

Two years ago there was the case of John McCurdy, of Australia, who lost in the qualifying tournament at Roehampton, got back into the championships as a lucky loser and reached the last 16. When asked what was his favourite shot, McCurdy replied deadpan: "A short smash with my opponent lying on the ground."

Last year Paul Annance, of the United States, progressed through the qualifying rounds to the Wimbledon quarter-finals, before Jimmy Connors stopped him.

This year Acuna, who beat Seguso yesterday, could go on to equal the record for a qualifier, who set the record for a qualifier by reaching the semi-finals in his first appearance in the championships in 1977. To do that Acuna will have to beat Jimmy Connors.

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RUGBY UNION
Entrepreneurs may decide nations for opening World Cup

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent
With the International Board due to announce the names of the 16 countries to take part in the first World Cup, in New Zealand and Australia in 1987, political and commercial interests may have helped determine the final composition of the tournament...

RACING: ONLY SIX DECLARE FOR SATURDAY'S ECLIPSE STAKES AT SANDOWN

Al Trui set for a speedy return

By Mandarin
Al Trui, who showed a fine turn of finishing speed to upset the Surrey course last Friday, returns to the same venue today with an excellent chance of landing the spoils again.



Stan Mellor and Michael Wigham team up again with Al Trui (4.45) at Lingfield Park this afternoon.

Prince Hab may be better suited to today's six furlongs after fading in his last three races, over longer distances, and No Credibility landed a seven-furlong maiden event at Lingfield, before finishing fifth behind Home Blade at Leicester, but Al Trui, who finished third in the Buckingham Handicap at Royal Ascot before his Lingfield victory, is napped to complete a speedy double.

Stakes with his unraces Niniski Onsky, and Sheer Habits, who is expected to make amends for his surprising defeat by Fen Tiger at Rippon last week in the O.C.S. Sponsored Ladies Race. The Yorkshire challenger Nonsense looks the main danger.

two-mile handicap. Dark Proposal and Charles Stuart both gave notice of a return to form by finishing runner-up in the latest outings, but Water Bailiff is preferred. Lester Piggott has three rides for his brother-in-law, Robert Armstrong, at the meeting and while Master Carl will have a popular choice for the amateur riders' event after his close-up third behind Ruckley at Redcar last month.

Tucson Princess at royal price of 40-1

The EBF Furies' Maiden stakes at Yarmouth yesterday produced a 40-1 winner, British Crown, who brought her jockey Mark Rimmer a welcome change of fortune, with his first success of the season.

When the field emerged from the box, which surrounded the first three furlongs, British Crown was at the head of affairs, but she could not resist the late challenge of Tucson Princess, who took over inside the final furlong to win by three-quarters of a length.

Tucson Princess will go on to better things. We've had a lot of trouble settling her, but she did her job well this afternoon, said her Newmarket trainer Geoff Huffer, who bought the horse for £2,500 guineas for her owner, All Afield.

LINGFIELD PARK

Table with 2 columns: Race name and details. Races include 2.15 SURREY STAKES, 4.15 COMBES BITTER HANDICAP, 4.45 FOSTERS LARGER HANDICAP.

CARLISLE

Table with 2 columns: Race name and details. Races include 2.30 DEBBIE DO, 3.30 DONALD DEED, 4.30 OREBOR.

HORSE SHOW

Hopscotch well on the road to Europe

By Jenny MacArthur
John Whitaker, picked last week as a member of the team for this summer's multiple jumping championships, gave the selectors timely confirmation of their choice when he and the next team's Hopscotch defeated a high-class field to win the Royal Show classic competition at the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire.

Lingfield selections

By Mandarin
2.11 Baptismally, 2.45 Onsky, 3.15 Northern Love, 3.45 Sheer Heights, 4.15 Water Bailiff, 4.45 Fen Tiger.

Carlisle selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Debbie Do, 3.30 Donald Deed, 4.30 Orebor, 4.30 Master Carl, 4.30 Larvic, 5.0 The Maral.

Carlisle selections

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.0 (royal) Tride, 3.30 Orebor, 4.0 Ben's Birdie, 4.30 Larvic.

Today's course specialists

LINGFIELD: G. G. G. 29 winners from 149 runners, 26.2% P. Col. 29 from 150 24.8%, 22.2% T. 29 from 150 19.3%.

Blindered first time

CARLISLE: 2.30 Not a Problem, 3.0 The Hymn Fly.

Yarmouth results

2.15 (10) TUCSON PRINCESS (M Rimmer, 40-1) 2m 12s 2/10. 3.15 (10) BELL TOWER (S Whitmore, 4-1) 2m 12s 2/10.

Folkstone

2.0 (10) BELLE TOWER (S Whitmore, 4-1) 2m 12s 2/10. 3.15 (10) BELL TOWER (S Whitmore, 4-1) 2m 12s 2/10.

BOWLS: Diane Priestly (Bradford) will defend her Yorkshire title

Golden Lady crown green title at Cleckheaton. Preliminary rounds are scheduled for September 29.

IN BRIEF

GOLF: Sam Torrance whose victory in the Monte Carlo Open on Sunday lifted him into second place in the PGA European tour money list, will play in the Lawrence Bailey International Classic at the Belfry from July 10 to 13.

Cambridge University Tripos examination results

Class 1: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell. Class 2: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell.

Cambridge University Tripos examination results

Class 3: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell. Class 4: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell.

Correction

S. Dign-Singh, Master of Law Tripos, class 2, division 1, attended Pembroke, not New Hall Cambridge and not Pembroke.

More results tomorrow

Class 5: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell.

More results tomorrow

Class 6: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell.

More results tomorrow

Class 7: 1st, J. J. Liddell; 2nd, J. J. Liddell; 3rd, J. J. Liddell.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2

A painter's place with park scenes from the balcony

An impressive apartment in St James's, central London, owned by the distinguished amateur painter Villiers David until his death earlier this year, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Knightsbridge office...

The American restaurateur Bob Payton, responsible for such popular eating houses as the Chicago Pizzeria and Henry J. Bean's, has bought the historic Stapleford Park in Leicestershire...

Number 17, Gloucester Crescent, adjoining Regent's Park Terrace and close to the park, built about 1840, is for sale through Chesterton's Maiden Vale office...

An elegant flat in a converted country house near Truro, Cornwall, with views along the Fal estuary and set in grounds with a frontage to the river...

Catherger Farm, Grafton, West Sussex, is a fine detached period farmhouse in an isolated position with views of the Rother valley...

The five-bedroom house is for sale at £295,000 through Russell Simpson (01-225 8277)



Miles Place, in the cathedral close at Salisbury, a Grade I listed house owned by the late Sir Arthur Bryant, the historian, is for sale through John D. Wood's office...

The cowboy shoot-out

A couple in Sheffield had their bungalow extended - and six months later the water poured through the roof because of bad workmanship.

An Oxford home-owner paid a builder for interior alterations, and then found the builder had disappeared, leaving the stairs unsupported and a room without a ceiling.

The scheme, running since last October, has covered some 625 contracts worth £3.25 million, and has elicited more than 22,000 inquiries from members of the public.

Mr Danaher emphasized: "We believe the activity of the cowboys is absolutely disgraceful and we want to see it made a condition of local authority grant or loan availability from a building society or bank that they will sanction the money only if their customers use a builder who can carry out the work under a guaranteed scheme."

It is estimated that the cowboys take about 40 per cent of the market in home improvements and repairs, totalling about £6,000 million.

The confederation scheme covers jobs costing from £500 to £25,000, funds the householder 1 per cent of the price and means that the work will be finished to the satisfaction of the owner even if the builder goes bankrupt or defaults on the work.

It hoped such schemes would be "improved and extended" and become widely used for major renovation work.

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6.00 Cee-fax AM.
Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55 regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57, and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; news Top Twenty at 7.32; the morning newspapers reviewed at 8.37. Plus, Alison Mitchell's "Phone-in financial advice" and "Saker with the latest news from the world of motoring. The guest is Ben Kingsley."

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8.20 Cee-fax 10.30 Play School, 10.50 Gharbar, Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition is on the subject of buying and selling homes and includes a solicitor with advice on mortgages and bridging loans. 11.15 Cee-fax.
12.00 See Hear! Magazine programme for the deaf and hard of hearing (shown on BBC).

1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects from Michael Fish, 1.27 Regional News (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles, 1.30 Hockey Cokey, A See-Saw programme for visually young presented by Carol Chest and Don Spencer (r).
1.45 Wimbledon 85. Harry Carpenter introduces action from the Centre and Number One courts, 4.16 Regional News (London).

2.30 King Rollo (r) 4.35 Eric-a-Broc. Presented by Brian Cant (r) 4.35 The Wombles. Bernard Cribbins narrates a story about the Wimbledon Commoners (r). 4.40 Battle of the Planets. An animated science fiction adventure (r) (Cee-fax).
5.00 John Craven's Newsworld. 5.10 Gentle Ben. Adventure series about a young boy and his pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard (Cee-fax).

5.35 Gloria. Young Joey has to be told that his parents are now legally divorced (r) (Cee-fax).
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Among the guests are Richard Branson of Virgin fame, Jessye Norman who sings 'Loves I'm here to stay' and Daniel J. Travanti.

7.35 Oddie in Paradise. Part two of Bill Oddie's series in which he explores the bird life of Papua New Guinea (Cee-fax).
8.00 Dallas. Jack persuades the EWing brothers to go to California where they hope to learn something about an important document (Cee-fax).

8.30 Points of View. Barry Took takes another dip into the BBC's postbag and puts out a selection of viewer's letters praising or panning what is shown on BBC Television.
9.00 News with John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 The Visit. Showdown at Glitter Gulch. Terry Rogers, a middle-aged Dublin bookmaker, fulfils a life's ambition when he sits down with the meanest poker player in Las Vegas for a game in which more than a million dollars is won or lost at the turn of a card (Cee-fax) (see Choice).
10.15 Wimbledon 85. Desmond Lynam introduces the Match of the Day and other highlights of the day's action from the Centre and Number One courts. Gerald Williams previews tomorrow's matches.

11.15 Taxi. Tony, on the eve of his biggest fight, receives a double blow from his girlfriend. First she tells him she is pregnant and then she refuses his offer of marriage.
11.40 Weather.

BBC 2

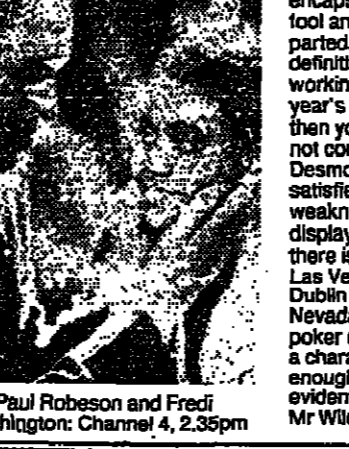
6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Ann Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.18, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.25; sport at 6.30 and 7.35; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.54; video report at 8.40; gardening advice at 9.05. The guests include Jenny Agutter and Dickie Davies.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Thames News headlines followed by Larry the Lamb (r), 9.40 The Muppet Films. An underwater explorer faces the twin dangers of an undersea volcano and a Great White Shark. 10.35 Comet at Night. An unlikely visitor enhances the life of a family by flying in a remote part of the world.
11.00 British Achievement. How British ingenuity has helped make life easier for those living and working in the Persian Gulf.
11.30 About Britain. Life with a Capital Sea. The story of the inter-island rivalry engendered by the Sark to Jersey Rowing Race.
12.00 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. Tony Robinson with the story of a man and his Bluebottles. 12.10 Our Backyard.
12.30 Talking Personally. Michael Barratt in conversation with Mary Quant.
1.00 News at One with Carol Barnes. Weather. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston.

1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in an Australian outback town. 2.30 On the Market. Susan Brooks and Trevor Hyett with the world's most expensive dog. The guest cook is Paul Levy.
3.00 Take the High Road. Major Groves and the Lady Laird reminisce about old times. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Tales from Fat Tulip's Garden. A repeat of the programme and an edition of noon. 4.15 Crystal Tipps and Allstar. Cartoon series. 4.20 Fraggle Rock, 4.50 Popopop. Pop music quiz and performances.
5.15 Connections.
5.45 News with Michael Nicholson. Weather. 6.00 Thames news. 6.25 Help Community action news. 6.35 Help Community advertisement.
7.00 Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers. Does the power of mind over matter exist? (Oracle).
7.30 Coronation Street. Kevin and Michelle receive advice from Gail, while Bet, Rita and Mavis are enjoying themselves in a bracing trip (Oracle).
8.00 Duty Free. Comedy series about two couples on holiday in Spain (r).
8.30 The Morecambe and Wise Show. More irreverent comedy from Eric and Ernie and their guest, Harry Fowler (r).
9.00 Bullman. A villain's young nephew is taken down with the policeman who killed her husband. Lucy is hired to find out how she proposes to do the deed while Bullman forms an unholy alliance with the underworld to stop a war.
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Martin. Local news includes a report on vice-president George Bush's speech to the Strategic Studies Institute in London. Weather, followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 East of Eden. Part one of the four-episode adaptation of John Steinbeck's novel which begins in Connecticut in 1883. Starring Timothy Bottoms, Jane Seymour and Bruce Boxleitner (r).
12.20 Night Thoughts.

CHOICE



Paul Robeson and Fred Washington; Channel 4, 2.30pm

BBC 2 (cont.)

6.30 Open University: The Combine Harvester. 6.55 Images of the Holy. Ends at 7.20.
9.00 Cee-fax.
1.55 Wimbledon 85. Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of matches on the Centre and Number One courts, featuring the men's singles quarter-finals.
7.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather.
7.30 Open Space: Trash. An investigation into the way of life of those people who are refused permission to hold a Midsummer Festival at Stonehenge. The clash between them and the police concerning the storage of a bloody affair and the programme examines the reasons behind this, on the face of it, high handed action on the part of the riot squad. Does the disparate group of nomads really pose a threat to one of Britain's ancient monuments?
8.00 One Man's Meat. Oliver Martin reports on the pressures that have been put upon livestock farmers to use growth promoters such as hormones and antibiotics on their animals and how scientists are now increasingly concerned the effect this is having on the consumer (First shown on BBC South West).
8.30 The Travel Show, presented by Paul Hickey. This week's edition includes an investigation into the incentives used by airlines and holiday companies to get travel agents to recommend their particular services; Kathy Rochford reports from Northern Yugoslavia where she meets an amazing ice-cream seller, visits Tito's holiday home which now serves the public at £40 per night, and a holiday camp; there is an up-date of the toll charges on Britain's bridges and tunnels; an item on what you can take on an aeroplane; and Matthew Collins samples a vegetarian cycling holiday in Shropshire.
9.00 Film: License to Kill (1984) starring James Earl Ray, Don Murray, Penny Fuller and Mills Perkins. A made-for-television drama that examines the reactions of the parents of a young girl student who is killed by a drunk driver and the driver and his wife. The parents react in different ways; the driver responsible for the death believes that he hasn't committed a crime and that it was just bad luck, his wife does not accept this and feels guilty for being unable to limit her son's alcohol consumption. Directed by Jud Taylor.
10.25 Newsnight.
12.10 Weather. 12.15 Interval.
11.30 Open University: Engineering Product Design. In the Topper Mould. 11.55 Biology. Mammals in Water. Ends at 12.25.

CHANNEL 4 (cont.)

2.35 Film: The Emperor Jones' (1933) starring Paul Robeson. An adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's play about a Pullman car porter who joins forces with a Cockney trader. The porter later becomes the corrupt ruler of Haiti. Directed by Dudley Murphy.
4.00 Female Focus. The continuing programme in the series on women in today's world, presented by Pamela Armstrong, examines the dilemma of the woman who is caught in the "secretarial trap".
4.30 Television Scramble. An eclectic variety of the popular board game, presented by Alan Coren.
5.00 Tour de France. Highlights of the Neuchâtel to Roubaix stage of the world's most famous cycle race.
5.30 Farming on Four. Includes a report on John Ford on the country's Blue Cattle; and an examination of genetic engineering on cattle embryos in Cambridgeshire.
6.00 Wales: Landscape and Legend. Part seven of this celebration of Wales on the country's legends and poetry is the first part on trees and woods.
6.30 The Heritage Game. John Julius Norwich is at Shelton Manor, the Chipmunk home of Major and Mrs Gibbe. He is joined by Derek Shrub of Sotheby's and amateur antiquary enthusiast, Michael Smith, who marvels at the collection of antique domestic utensils.
7.00 Channel Four news.
7.50 Comment. The vice-president of the SDP, William Rodgers, with his views on a pressing matter. Weather.
8.00 Losing Track. Part seven of the series on the history of transport in Britain examines the findings of a report commissioned by Ernest Marples in 1983 on the problems of urban traffic.
8.30 Diverse Reports: Provisional Judgment. Beatrix Campbell examines the impact on the other parties of the decision taken by the Sinn Féin to take up an arms truce.
9.00 Film: The Chronicle of Anna Magdalena Bach (1988) A biography of Johann Sebastian Bach as seen through the eyes of his second wife, Anna Magdalena. A film made by the award-winning Gustav Leonhardt and Christiane Lang, and directed by Jean-Marie Straub.
10.45 Low Garri. Lou is worried about one of his reporters, Joe Rossi. He told Rossi to become more involved in his stories but that his money has overdone it when he assigned him to make in-depth features on mental hospitals.
11.40 Voices. The last programme of the series is a discussion between Heinrich Boll and another Vorweg.
12.30 Closedown.

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created a Wild West context for the Dubliner, presenting him as a Gary Cooper/John Wayne amalgam, heading for the last shoot-out at high noon. But it is only too evident to me that Mr Rogers is not ideal casting for Mr Wilcox (not even taking Mr Rogers to a fake Western town where he finds a reflection of his own dead hopes in the local cemetery) can make the Irishman look any happier in this role. Also, the mythologies seem to have got all mixed up in the other gambler talks of slaying dragons, not cowboys.
Radio choice: The BBC's radio-phonics wizards must have had a rattling good time producing the percussive elements that illustrate Michael Snee's words in THE DRUM (Radio 4, 11.00am), a documentary that spans the millennia between the apocalyptic drummer in the Czechoslovakian control to the soulless electronic banging we hear today. As an anthology, it would seem to be complete except, possibly for a mention of the A. E. W. Mason book bearing the same title for which I initially mistook Desmond Tutu's splendid panoramic. Talking of wide canvases, I must remind you that tonight (Radio 3, 8.00) sees THE DAY OF RECKONING, the third part in John Spurling's drama sequence The British Empire. As usual, the labels "hero" and "villain" cannot be fixed to anybody without fear of contradiction.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 2

10.35 Britten: Ricardo Izapa (guitar) plays Nocturnal Op 70.
11.00 Manxman's Concert: Concerto for Piano and Chamber Ensemble by Gottschalk's Union Paraphrase of Concerti; Vivaldi's In the Inn; Foss's Solo, 1980; Barber's Four Seasons; Gershwin's Three Preludes. 12.00 Closedown.
VHF only: Open University. From 6.55am to 6.55pm. Romantic Narrative Poetry.

RADIO 1

On medium wave. + also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Headlines 3.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30am. 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Sir Keith appeals to teachers on jobs

By Lucy Hodges Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, begged teachers yesterday to start talking about a new deal on conditions and pay structure if they wanted more money next year.

In a letter issued on the eve of today's resumed pay talks, Sir Keith told Mr Fred Jarvis, secretary of the teachers' side of the Burnham negotiating committee and general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, that a new deal had to be agreed by October.

"After October it is simply too late for an agreement to be reflected in the rate support grant settlement. October is therefore a real deadline and it is important that negotiations get under way quickly. It would be tragic for there to be no extra resources for 1986-87 because of an insistence that 1986-87 cannot be addressed until 1985-86 is settled."

The teachers have refused to start talks until this year's pay claim is sorted out on Sir Keith's proposals laid out in his letter of May 21, for an extra unspecified sum next year in return for a new description of their duties and better promotion prospects.

Mr Jarvis reacted strongly to Sir Keith's letter yesterday. There was nothing new in it, he said. "What is astounding is his total insensitivity to the mood of the teaching profession and his obvious determination to ensure continued confrontation."

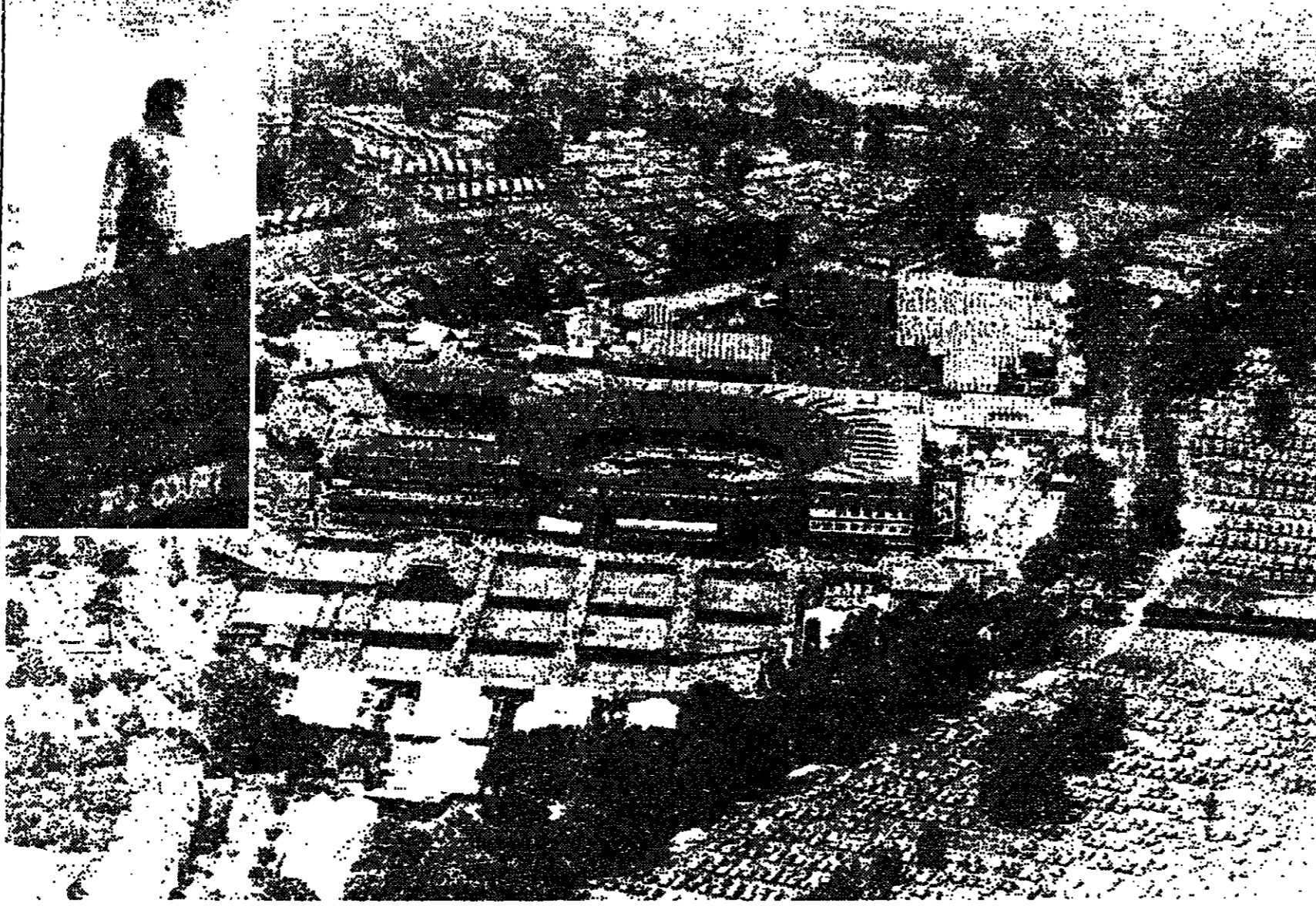
The teachers' side of Burnham will consider the letter this morning.

Sir Keith's timing was cynical and calculating, Mr Jarvis added. Talking about money for teachers next year was unrealistic and unacceptable. Sir Keith reminded Mr Jarvis that the possibility of extra money for teachers this year was lost by the failure to produce an acceptable, and negotiable package to reform conditions and the salary structure.

He did not mention how much money might be available next year.

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Blimp's eye view of Wimbledon



Wimbledon view taken from the Pan Am airship and the airship from Wimbledon. The centre court may be covered by the next tournament — obscuring the blimp's eye view. (Photographs: John Manning, in the air, and Ian Stewart.)

Stay-away day leaves the M1 in the clear

By Richard Dowden

The M1 was even quieter than normal yesterday as motorists seems to have heeded the message that roadworks at junction 8 could cause major hold-ups.

A Royal Automobile Club patrolman who passed junction 8 just after 5 o'clock last night reported a slight hold up and a spokesman for the organization said that travellers had taken other routes.

British Rail stations at Luton and St Albans were dealing with an increased number of passengers.

Police had feared that a 40-mile traffic jam could be caused by the 200-yard roadworks scheme. It is expected that 140,000 vehicles will be channelled through the contraflow system near to where the M10 joins the M1.

Mrs Linda Chalker, the Minister of Transport, said: "We must not count our chickens. There are still another two weeks to go, although if drivers keep up the good work there should be no problems."

Support urged for bar on Beirut flights

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US Airforce hospital, Wiesbaden.

● JERUSALEM: Israel will release 300 mainly Shia Lebanese prisoners from the Aliti prison in northern Israel this morning, Israeli Radio announced here yesterday (AFP reports).

The prisoners will be released in southern Lebanon, just north of the security zone still held by Israeli troops or by Israeli-backed militia, the radio's military correspondent reported.

Scargill slapped down by Kinnock to aid poll

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Mr Scargill, where does all this leave Mr Kinnock? In the light of Mr. Blair's Bill to pardon those convicted of strike-related offences up to and including murder? The Labour leader will be in danger of being swamped by a rising tide of leftism?

● Mr Kinnock said yesterday that under a Labour administration he would be the final authority, not the trade unions. He was speaking at the biennial conference of the Electrical, Electronic, and Communication and Plumbing Union. Geoffrey Smith, page 5

London Christmas in the Commons

An over-sweet tea boosts the energy

The meringue and the doughnut provided the House with an overlong and over-rich tea time yesterday.

The meringue, having returned from Milan, prolonged her presence in the House beyond the normal 15 minutes of prime ministerial questions by producing a detailed account of what did and did not happen in the European Council meeting.

That in effect provided an additional hour of debate in which she could eat away at the doughnut opposite.

Now as it happens Mrs Thatcher does have a meringue hairstyle, but on this occasion it was her mood of sweetness and light which provoked the analogy.

Indeed she was over-sweet in trying to persuade the House that the fury she was accused of displaying when outvoted in Milan owed much to press exaggeration.

She was even sweeter in her attempt to prove that rhetoric obscuring the progress made at the meeting, and that the preference of a majority of the council for a postponement of action on decision-making procedures was nothing more than a disappointment, an unnecessary delay which should not be blown up into thoughts of a divided Europe.

The Leader of the Opposition listened quietly to all this but was clearly eager to get to his feet to accuse the Prime Minister of a clumsy failure in Milan.

Now, as it happens, Mr Kinnock does have a hairstyle resembling a doughnut: a gingery ring with a large hole in the top. On this occasion he had to fight his way, suitably stoddily through the volume of noise which greeted every handful of words as he accused her of getting sucked into a conference she didn't want and didn't think necessary.

The noise was such at one point that even Labour back-benchers were calling for order. That did not amuse the Speaker, who asserted that he needed help from no-one, and finally Mr Kinnock waded through to his sticky question.

Mr Thatcher's own press secretary had described her as

a volcano and he wanted to know how long it would be before she became extinct.

Mrs Thatcher told him to listen and he might learn something, and then listed article after article from 57, through 99 to 100 before telling him to forget her fury; she could not hold a candle to him for bluster and not air.

Another hour followed of this rich feed while members argued about who was getting the better of whom in this community of 10, soon to be 12, and designed to promote peace and progress in a large chunk of the world.

One could have been forgiven for thinking that such a high-calorie tea-time would have left the House seated and docile to face a debate on the state of the National Health Services chosen by the opposition. But not a bit of it.

The 30 or so members on the Tory side and the 25 or so on the Labour benches were as perky as ever. The meringue and the doughnut had filled them with quick energy and the desire to burn off the calories in a strenuous bout of heckling.

Mr Michael Meacher tried to defend the sick and the needy in just the same way as he had tried to defend the poor and the needy last Thursday.

Nurses, he said, were tired, undernourished and unsupported. "Is that how you feel?", came the riposte.

Undeterred, he continued to deride the Government's cuts and their candle-end policy and state that he would prefer lots of money to be spent on what he described as socialism's greatest achievement — and flag-days to be held if more money was needed for a thing called Trident.

He managed well enough in the face of a non-stop barrage of abuse, much of it coming from an unappetising and dry-looking biscuit called Douglas Hogg, the son of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone.

The tea-time surfeit of goodies had turned the back-benchers into an unruly nursery.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

- Today's events
Royal engagements
The Queen holds an investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, 11; and later visits the Scottish Office...

- Exhibitions in progress
Tolly Cobbold Eastern Arts; Christchurch Park, Ipswich; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30, (ends July 28).

- New books - hardback
The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Weather forecast
An anticyclone will drift E, as a trough of low pressure comes into the NW.
6am to midnight
London, Midlands, Channel Islands, Central W. England, Sunny or clear...

- Lighting-up time
London 9.50 pm to 4.20 am
Brighton 10.30 pm to 4.40 am

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,779
ACROSS
1 Develop ice-breaker as old form of transport (10).

- Roads
The Midlands: M5 Southbound carriageway closed to traffic overnight between junction 5 (Droitwich) and junction 6 (Worcester)...

The papers
Commenting on the Brecon and Radnor by-election tomorrow, the Daily Express says: "Judging by opinion polls, national and constituency polls — the Government is set to lose the seat it won with a majority of 3,784 at the last General Election."

- Anniversaries
Births: Robert Adam, architect and designer, Kirkcaldy, Fife, 1728; Henry Grattan, Irish patriot...

Portfolio
How to play
Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

The pound
Bank Buy Sell Bank Buy Sell
Australia 2.04 1.94
Canada 2.02 1.92

Highest and lowest
Yesterday: Highest day rate: Chequer/CSC (77F) lowest day rate: Fiat 12C (34F)

Around Britain
Sun Rain Max Min
East Coast: Scarborough 12.8 - 20.7 Sunny

Abroad
Algeria C F 21.8 24.7
Australia C F 2.04 1.94

Pollen count
The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10am yesterday was 100 (high).

Parliament today
Commons (2.30): Proceedings on Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Bill.

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